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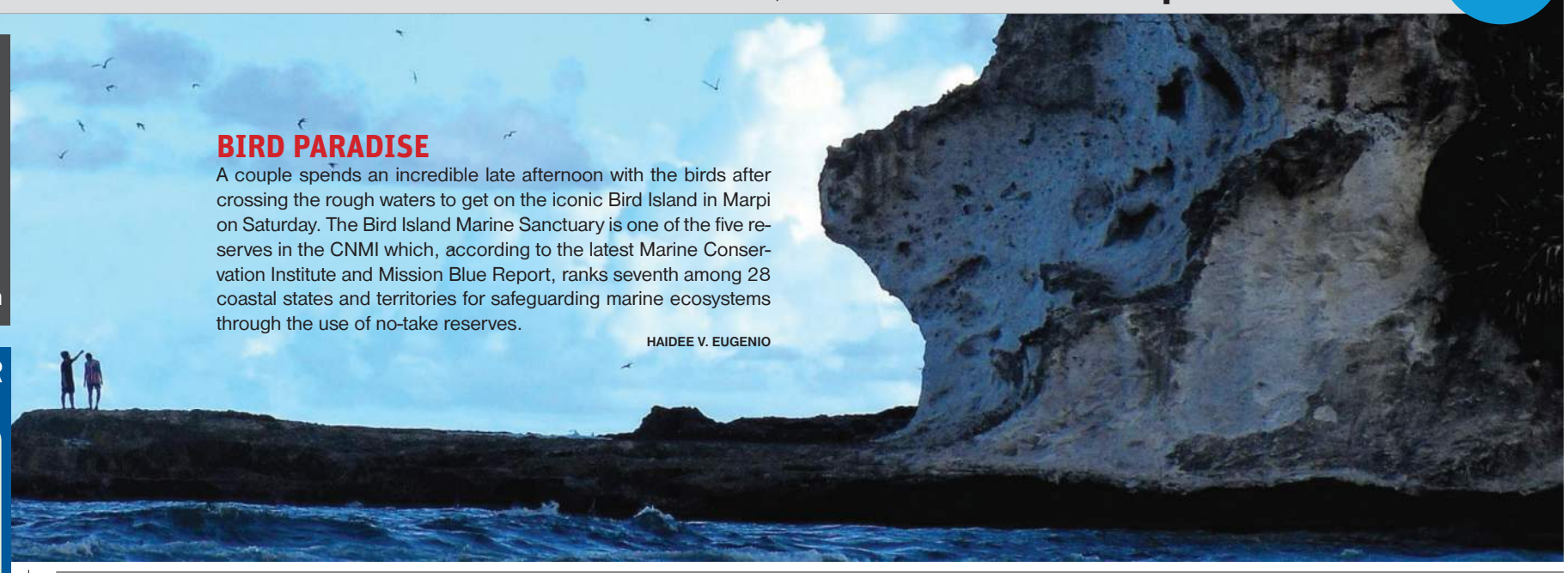

BIRD PARADISE

A couple spends an incredible late afternoon with the birds after crossing the rough waters to get on the iconic Bird Island in Marpi on Saturday. The Bird Island Marine Sanctuary is one of the five reserves in the CNMI which, according to the latest Marine Conservation Institute and Mission Blue Report, ranks seventh among 28 coastal states and territories for safeguarding marine ecosystems through the use of no-take reserves.

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Freedom Air handed eviction notice

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REPORTER

A resolute Commonwealth Ports Authority issued Monday a "final and irrevocable" termination notice against long-time tenant Freedom Air for failing to pay its unpaid obligations, starting the clock for the airline company to vacate all CPA premises on or before Sept. 19.

» CPA bares company's refusal to furnish financial docs
» Multiple notices of termination, promissory notes since 2011
» Local carrier told to vacate airport premises by Sept. 19

Acting CPA executive director Mary-Ann Lizama confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the notice was officially received by the company but it has yet to officially respond or communicate with CPA.

Freedom Air owner Joaquin Flores has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune* requests for comment.

The termination notice voids Freedom Air's lease agreements and airline use agreement with CPA and demands that the airline firm pay its arrears, now amounting to $1.23 million since 2011.

This is not the first time that CPA

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Many students violate scholarship MOA

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Of the hundred-plus beneficiaries of the CNMI Scholarship Office who potentially graduated last school year, only a few have actually notified the government about the completion of their studies, violating the agreement they signed with the CNMI Scholarship Office.

Rose Pangelinan, the Scholarship Office program administrator, told *Saipan Tribune* that less than 20 scholars who graduated in May and June have complied with the memorandum of agreement that gives these beneficiaries 90 days to notify the government about their graduation.

Besides this revelation, Pangelinan also disclosed that there is only a little over $50,000 in the bank account where collections from defaulted scholars are desposited. This means only a few defaulted students actually paid for their obligations this fiscal year.

CNMI scholars, upon receiving their checks, sign a memorandum of agreement that mandates the scholar's responsibility to notify the CNMI Scholarship Office within 90 days

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No more ICE detainee in CNMI

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» No new negotiation 2 months after end of agreement

Not a single detainee of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the CNMI is being kept at the Department of Corrections and neither party has initiated talks to negotiate a new deal to house ICE detainees at the Susupe prison. At present, one ICE detainee from Saipan is in Guam because of the lack of an agreement with DOC.

California-based ICE public affairs officer/spokeswoman Lori K. Haley said ICE is currently using detention facilities in Guam and Hawaii and "the CNMI has not expressed interest in negotiating a new IGSA at this time."

IGSA stands for Inter-Governmental Service Agreement.

"Currently, there is only one detainee from Saipan detained in Guam," Haley told *Saipan Tribune.*

CNMI Corrections Commissioner Ray Mafnas said ICE is welcome to send its detainees to DOC "through the U.S. Marshal Service."

"And they can come down there if they want to see anyone, state or federal inmate, to meet with them, inter-

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Miah pleads guilty in 7 cases, gets 2 yrs.

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Mohammad Jahangir Miah finally moved forward with his "global plea deal" yesterday in Superior Court, pleading guilty to 12 charges in seven cases. He was sentenced to a total of 14 years in prison, all suspended except for two years, to be served without parole.

Miah

The 38-year-old Miah was given credit for 424 days of time served.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo also ordered Miah to pay a $750 fine, $100 court costs, and a total of $10,403.81 in restitutions to four persons.

The restitutions include payment of $3,777.18 to Md. Awlad Hossain plus a ve-

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Historic Saipan 'Sugar King' train restored

A historic train engine of the Japan administration era of the Northern Mariana Islands used in the then-prosperous sugar industry has been restored.

The engine is located at Sugar King Park on Saipan, a park named for "The Sugar King" Haruji Matsue, the Japanese entrepreneur who started Nanyo Kohatsu Kaisha (South Seas Development Co.) and developed a thriving sugar industry in the Marianas. The industry included a network of narrow-gauge railroad tracks to transport sugar cane to the central processing plant in Chalan Kanoa.

The restoration was commenced last month as a community relations project of the USS *Momsen*, a U.S. naval vessel visiting Saipan. On July 5, 2013, *Momsen* volunteers began the restoration work by cleaning the engine and replacing skeletal metal framework. The Marianas Visitors Authority then hired a contractor to conduct welding, smooth sharp edges, and finish painting the engine. The Office of the Mayor of Saipan also aided the renovation.

"The project is complete, and the results are of great quality and beyond satisfaction," said MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "Sugar King Park is one of our most popular visitor sites on island, and this is one example of several destination enhancement projects that promote the unique and rich history of our islands."

Good Day Coordination/AA Construction also made a $1,000 in-kind contribution to the restoration project. ***(MVA)***

Japan blogger mom to promote NMI on Tabi-Channel

MVA

Talent and crew of Japan's Tabi-Channel at the Fiesta Resort & Spa during their filming on Saipan on Aug 5-8, 2013. Pictured are blogger mom and talent Chori-mama, second from right, along with her family and the show's crew.

Tabi-Channel, the only cable television channel in Japan devoted exclusively to travel, hired well-known blogger mom Chori-mama to film a one-hour program in the Northern Marianas this month.

The program, which also featured Chori-mama's children and parents, introduced activities including Managaha tour, spa, golfing, and shopping. The Marianas Visitors Authority's Happy Children in Paradise campaign was also mentioned, which provides Saipan-da backpacks to visiting children during the summer.

The show "Let's Enjoy Summer Holiday in 3 Generations" was taped from Aug. 5-8, 2013, and will air in early September 2013, bringing the Northern Marianas an estimated $240,000 in advertising exposure value.

"Blogs continue to be a growing consumer outreach tool in all our major markets, so it was a great tie-in to have Chori-mama featured on this cable TV program with Tabi-Channel," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "The MVA and our partners were pleased to aid this filming by facilitating photo shooting permits and providing hotel accommodations for the talent and crew."

While on Saipan, the crew filmed at DFS Saipan, Managaha, downtown Garapan, Chamolinian Cultural Village, Saipan World Resort & Wave Jungle, Joeten Shopping Center, and Joyful Dinner Show.

Tabi-Channel reaches nearly 4.3 million households with its programming devoted to travel, focusing on tourism, shopping, gourmet, leisure, and the outdoors. ***(MVA)***

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Senate to expel Ayuyu today if he does not resign

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Senate Rules and Procedures Committee chair and Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said yesterday that Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) will be expelled today if he does not turn in his resignation letter before the start of the 2pm session.

Meanwhile, Joey Anthony Quitugua, who is likely to fill the post that Ayuyu will leave vacant, is back in the CNMI and said yesterday he is ready to serve the people.

» Quitugua: I am here, ready to serve

Quitugua acknowledges that there are legal issues involved at this time on the appointment of a replacement should Ayuyu leave the Senate.

"Nonetheless, I am here and ready to represent the people of Rota and to work for the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ayuyu

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, in a March 15, 2013, legal opinion, said that if Ayuyu is convicted and a vacancy in the Senate exists, that vacancy will be filled by Quitugua.

A court opinion on the matter is also being awaited.

"We stand by our opinion," San Nicolas told reporters on Friday.

Ayuyu has been back on Rota with his family since his temporary release from jail while awaiting sentencing.

The senator faces 33 to 41 months in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and obstruction of justice.

"The committee will meet in the morning to further discuss the committee report recommending the expulsion as provided for in the Constitution," Hocog told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) earlier said Ayuyu assured him that he will turn in his resignation letter before the next session, which is set for this afternoon.

Torres and Ayuyu were supposed to meet again on Rota as early as Monday night and again yesterday for a host of events on island. Gov. Eloy S. Inos was also on Rota yesterday to attend a relative's funeral and to hold a townhall meeting on the NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement.

The Senate Rules and Procedures Committee gave an Aug. 2 deadline for Ayuyu to resign, but the latter has not done so as of yesterday.

Ayuyu's term as senator ends in January 2015, way before the end of his possible prison term.

Ayuyu, 48, was in jail since Dec. 17, 2012, on charges of alleged smuggling of endangered fruit bats, witness tampering, and possession of a cell phone while in prison.

Buckingham's suit vs Pai dismissed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has dismissed the lawsuit filed by then-attorney general Edward T. Buckingham and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson against Public Auditor Michael Pai over OPA's hiring of two lawyers.

Govendo ordered the dismissal with prejudice, meaning the case cannot be reopened, after the CNMI government, through the Office of the Attorney General, and Pai, through counsel Sean E. Frink, asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Each party was made to bear its own fees and costs arising from the filing of the lawsuit.

Assistant attorney general Allen Hazlip and Frink recently notified the court that the CNMI government and Pai have resolved all claims related to their lawsuit against each other.

Hazlip and Frink said the resolution calls for the parties to seek dismissal of the lawsuit against each other and that each side to bear their own costs and fees.

The lawyers said no money will change hands and the parties agree to meet in the near future in order to attempt to negotiate a written agreement related to the issues raised by the lawsuit.

Hazlip and Frink said the CNMI and Pai agree that their settlement is a compromise and shall never be treated as an admission of liability of any party. That liability, the lawyers noted, is expressly denied by each party.

Buckingham and Larson filed the lawsuit against Pai in June 2011 for hiring two lawyers that they said "threaten[s] an imminent waste of public funds."

According to court records, OAG received on Jan. 4, 2011, a contract for legal services to be provided by attorney Brian McMahon for OPA. The justification was that this contract would provide for a second lawyer within OPA. McMahon was understood to be OPA's second lawyer as Nancy Gottfried was its first lawyer.

Buckingham approved the contract on Jan. 7, 2011. OAG then learned that OPA had hired a third lawyer—Joseph Pryzuski—in November 2010.

The plaintiffs sued, asking the court to rule that OPA's contracts with McMahon and Pryzuski are invalid and unenforceable.

Pai moved to dismiss the lawsuit by asserting that the court should require Buckingham and Larson to submit this case to the CNMI Supreme Court by way of a certified legal question.

In January 2012, Govendo denied Pai's motion to dismiss. The judge ruled that since both parties in the lawsuit are needed to petition the CNMI Supreme Court to certify a legal question, and the Superior Court has original jurisdiction of the case, he will hear the matter pending the high court's review.

Senate plate full today, from budget plan to e-gaming measure

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The Senate plate is full today as it is poised to pass—with amendments—the $123.4-million budget bill barely six weeks before the start of fiscal year 2014, along with an electronic gaming bill to help the NMI Retirement Fund and a host of resolutions. These include one that fully supports a five-year extension of the transition CW program so that the CNMI will still have access to some 12,000 foreign workers beyond Dec. 31, 2014.

Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) said the Senate panel is recommending a budget bill that is much closer to the governor's proposal.

She said the budget measure is now House Bill 18-98, House Draft 6, Senate Substitute 1.

The bill will have to go back to the House to either accept or reject the Senate amendments.

If the House rejects the Senate amendments, a conference

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Life imprisonment, tougher sanctions for sexual abuse of minors pushed

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Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) pre-filed a bill that would increase the penalties for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, including a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment if the victim is under 5 years old.

Reports of sexual abuse of minors have become a staple in the local media. Conner said in order to deter the sexual abuse of young children, "it is appropriate to increase the penalties to include life imprisonment."

Under Conner's House Bill 18-113, if the victim is under 5 years old, the punishment is "mandatory sentence of imprisonment for life."

If the victim is 5 years old but under the age of 11, the mandatory sentence is 50 years jail time, the bill says.

If the victim is 11 years old but is under 13 years of age, the sentence is not more than 30 years, a fine of not more than $50,000, or both, and the mandatory sentencing provisions of 6 CMC 4102.

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issued a termination notice against Freedom Air. Several notices of default, termination, and promissory notes were issued to the company since 2011: on Oct. 5, 2011; Aug. 18, 2012; Sept. 24, 2012; Feb. 5, 2013; and March 4, 2013.

Despite these notices to terminate and vacate CPA premises, the company was afforded many chances to settle its obligation, which CPA describes as a demonstration of the opportunities extended to the local carrier.

At a June board meeting, Freedom Air officials led by Flores appeared before the board to seek forbearance on its outstanding account and arrears.

In response to this "request," CPA asked for financial documents and information from the company to help the board decide on Freedom Air's request. It was learned that Freedom Air has yet to furnish CPA with the requested documents.

In its final notice sent Monday, CPA stated: "The CPA board of directors issued its definitive and final decision to terminate Freedom Air's lease agreement; airline use agreement; and all other operative agreements for breach of contract, conversion, and failure to cure delinquent account with CPA."

The notice indicated that "there is no further forbearance, withholding, waiver, nor consideration afforded to Freedom Air."

The company is ordered to vacate CPA premises on or before Sept. 19 and surrender the premises in good condition. The airport manager will make a final inspection as soon as the premises are surrendered.

In its "final" notice, CPA indicated that failure to vacate its premises may lead to legal action against the company.

If Freedom Air wishes to continue operations on CPA premises in the future, it must "fully satisfy its outstanding obligations today."

Lease agreements

Saipan Tribune learned that Freedom Air has three lease agreements with CPA: One for the Rota airport premises, the second for the former PIA hangar, and the third for the general area at CPA premises. The company is delinquent in these lease agreements by $15,378 and $3,024, respectively.

For airline use agreement, Freedom Air is delinquent for aviation charges amounting to $554,268 as of Aug. 14. CPA also found that the airline wrongfully withheld passenger facility charges collected from passengers: Saipan ($273,500); Rota ($148,392); and Tinian ($202,275).

On the promissory note account, the delinquency is at $36,411 as of Aug. 14, 2013; miscellaneous fees including badge and fingerprinting services amount to $500, and its share of the utility cost at the Rota airport, $1,099.

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view them, but they have to go through the process. We call it the visitor registration application or form. They just need to complete that and we schedule a meeting with them," Mafnas said in an interview.

ICE is not saying whether it will soon piggyback on the U.S. Marshal Service's agreement with DOC, which Mafnas is amenable to.

"ICE considers all available options for its short and long-term detention needs," Haley said.

Mafnas said DOC and the U.S. Marshal Service have "a very healthy and strong relationship and we continue to serve the needs of the federal court and the U.S. Marshal."

He also said there has not been any ICE detainee since the termination of the agreement in June.

Early last year, ICE gradually transferred 13 of its 20 CNMI detainees to Guam, Hawaii, and Los Angeles in California while the CNMI worked on ICE's concerns about the inadequacy of healthcare services for immigration detainees at the Susupe prison.

In February this year, DOC issued a 120-day notice to terminate—effective June 2013—the IGSA between the two entities because ICE had been placing only up to two detainees at DOC, which has reserved space for up to 25 ICE detainees under the latest deal.

Two months after what Mafnas called an "automatic" termination of the agreement, neither party wants to initiate talks to negotiate a new IGSA.

Haley reiterated that ICE is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all those in its custody.

"Facilities under contract to house ICE detainees must conform to the agency's rigorous detention standards and undergo regular top-to-bottom inspections," Haley said.

Mafnas insist that DOC facilities are up to standards.

"I can assure the community that the minimum safety and security standards will be maintained and so as other obligations that the Department of Corrections has," he said.

Haley said without any expressed by the CNMI's DOC to renegotiate an IGSA, "further inspection by ICE is not required."

Since November 2009, the federal government through DHS and its component agencies such as ICE and Customs and Border Protection has been controlling CNMI immigration.

The Office of the Attorney General was earlier hoping that once ICE's concerns are addressed by the CNMI, the number of ICE detainees at the Susupe facility could go back to either the previous level or more, including up to 50.

Housing 50 federal inmates at the Susupe prison could translate to $1.6 million revenue for the CNMI based on an $89 rate per inmate per day.

But Mafnas said DOC has also been seriously considering housing Guam inmates at the Susupe facility for a fee.

Budget

Meanwhile, Mafnas said he welcomes Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed fiscal year 2014 budget for DOC.

The fiscal year 2013 budget law gave DOC $1.506 million. Inos' proposed budget for DOC in 2014 is $2.215 million. As of yesterday, there's no telling whether the Legislature will keep this intact when it sends the budget to the governor.

"I respect what the administration gives or authorizes," Mafnas said.

Mafnas said studies that are over 10 years old, as well as current staffing level analysis and requirements, show that the ideal number of personnel at DOC is 126, including the commissioner. The current staffing level is way below that.

STUDENTS

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once they graduate or fail to enroll.

If they fail to do this, these scholars will be in default and all the monies they received from the scholarship program will become a loan that they must pay back to the government.

"The amount in our collection [account] is not as much as we like…and our goal this new fiscal year is to increase it," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune,* citing aggressive efforts in tracking and running after defaulted scholars.

Under the scholarship policy, beneficiaries are also required to return to the CNMI and work here after college graduation.

Pangelinan admitted that this has not been the case for many students who received large amounts of financial aid from the government.

"I'd like to hear from them [defaulted scholars]. They should come in and fill out the 'compliance form' so we can work with them," she said.

According to her, if a defaulted scholar has no job or can't find one to repay the "loan," a deferment can be worked out with the Scholarship Office.

Pangelinan said her office has only one compliance officer dealing with all the notices of default students.

When asked about the importance of the periodic tracking of scholars' status, Pangelinan said the intention is to help them with their job hunt.

"Without this information [in the compliance form] we can't go to [the Workforce Investment Agency], [Office of Personnel Management], and Labor Department—agencies that may help them find a job here on island."

"We don't do job placement…but we're here to assist them by working with these agencies," she added.

The Scholarship Office has two program offerings: the Educational Assistance Program and Honors Scholarship Program.

Each year, a potential number of EAP graduates are expected to return and work in the CNMI as a form of "repayment" for the financial aid they received for their college studies.

Despite the low number of students who comply with the MOA and the very low collection from defaulted students, Pangelinan believes that the government's scholarship program still serves a good purpose.

"Our goal is to help provide financial assistance to those students who want to go to college…and by seeing the number of students that graduate each year, I'd like to believe that the scholarship program is serving its main purpose and has been effective," said Pangelinan.

In 2011, it was learned that these default scholars owe the government some $4 million, an amount that continues to increase.

The scholarship program has been criticized in the past as a "very generous" initiative that is being abused by many scholars. At present, the CNMI government is struggling to maintain this financial assistance program as a result of declining revenues and collection.

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hicle to be returned to Hossain; $2,518.12 to Wang Hong; $1,457.86 to Jian Qing Zheng; and $2,650.65 to Zhe Zhu Cui.

Before his release from prison, Miah will be required to surrender $12,000 in bail funds that were posted on his behalf to satisfy the restitution amounts.

Miah, a Bangladeshi national, posted $17,000 bail for his temporary release prior to sentencing.

Under the plea deal, Miah agrees that he will not oppose deportation proceedings.

Upon release from custody and if he remains in or returns to the CNMI, Miah will be placed on 14 years of supervised probation and required to perform 1,000 hours of community service and pay $1,400 probation fees.

Attorney Colin Thompson served as counsel for Miah.

With the global plea deal, Chief Prosecutor Shelli Neal said that seven criminal cases are brought to a close, Miah accepted responsibility for his actions, and several victims will be made as whole as possible.

Neal said Miah will be moved to a federal penitentiary soon, after which he will likely be deported.

"As a result of today's change of plea hearing, the Commonwealth will be better off and Miah can move on to the next chapter of his life outside of the Commonwealth. All of those things I see as positive," Neal said.

In three cases filed in 2009, Miah pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit marriage fraud, conspiracy to commit document fraud, obstruction of justice, and theft by deception. As part of the plea agreement, the remaining charges were dismissed.

In three cases filed in 2010, Miah pleaded guilty to three counts of receiving stolen property, and three counts of tampering with a vehicle. As part of the plea deal, the remaining charges were dismissed.

In the 2013 case, Miah pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and criminal contempt. Three other charges were dismissed as part of the plea deal.

According to the global plea deal, Miah orchestrated a scheme on Saipan and Tinian on Oct. 10, 2008, wherein he conspired to defraud the Division of Immigration by having seven persons submit fake documents and enter into sham marriages to obtain labor and immigration benefits. This caused at least four sham marriages to occur.

In the second case, on March 27, 2009, on Saipan, after being charged in the first case and knowing that Jayne Taitano and Md. Abul Bashar were also facing criminal charges for marriage fraud, Miah told Taitano to put some of her clothes and personal belongings at Bashar's residence to create the appearance that they were living together as man and wife, when in fact, were not.

In the other case, on April 8, 2009 on Saipan, Miah sold a 2005 Toyota Corolla to Md. Awlad Hossain for $5,200, knowing that he had already sold it to another person days before.

In the fourth case, on May 8, 2010 on Saipan, Miah received stolen car parts belonging to a blue 2003 Toyota Corolla that was stolen from Kibria Kaderi. Miah painted the car white and tampered with the vehicle identification number so as to make the vehicle unrecognizable.

In the fifth case, on May 3, 2010, Miah received a blue 2003 Toyota Corolla knowing it has been stolen from Wang Hong. To prevent detection, Miah caused the vehicle identification number to be altered, dismantled the car and sold the parts.

In the sixth case, on July 4, 2010 on Saipan, Miah received a blue 2001 Toyota Echo knowing it had been stolen. He dismantled the vehicle, used the parts on other vehicles and sold the parts. The vehicle was stolen from Zhe Zhu Cui.

In the last case, on Jan. 5, 2013 on Saipan, Miah bought a stolen Sony digital video camera. The conversation between Miah, his girlfriend and co-defendant Catherine Blas, and the confidential informant was recorded. Miah was on bail when that incident happened.

In July 2012, the federal court acquitted the defendant in a criminal case of conspiracy to forge stale CNMI tax refund checks.

In March 2013, the federal court sentenced Miah to 21 months in prison for the production of fraudulent CNMI driver's licenses.

Kagman schools' preparation for reconfiguration in full swing

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Preparations are now in full swing for the newly renamed Chacha Oceanview Middle School and at the Kagman Elementary School, with the former accommodating students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and the latter holding classes for kindergarten to grade 5 students.

The reconfiguration now allows Kagman Elementary to provide full-time, full-day kindergarten classes.

Classes in public schools will begin on Sept. 3, a Tuesday.

The Board of Education approved the merger proposal early this month, kicking off the first phase of the plan: the reconfiguration of the two Kagman schools.

According to Chacha Oceanview Middle School principal Vince Dela Cruz and Kagman Elementary principal Ruth Calvo, several activities have been lined up for both schools in the coming days. They urged parents to participate in these school-related activities to ensure a smooth opening of the new school year.

"We have organized activities that will ensure that our parents will be informed of the [middle school concept] and it is on this note that their continued support and participation are sought," said Dela Cruz.

Calvo said it is essential that the public is made aware of "what to expect" come opening of classes in public schools.

"To enable our continuing students and those that are newly enrolled to take advantage of the quality education that our schools provide, we are once again reaching out to our partners, our parents, to please join us on this day," she said.

Last Friday, a joint meeting for parents of students of both schools was held at Chacha Oceanview Middle School. Parents were briefed on what to expect once classes open next month. Incoming sixth graders and their parents were also given a tour of the "new" campus.

"I like it. This is certainly a great move centralizing our schools here in Kagman," said mother Lucy Castro, who was accompanied by her three children. Another excited parent, Ruth Aldan, expressed support for the reconfiguration of the two schools.

Yoshi DLG. Aldan and Caroline Castro, both incoming 6th grade students at Chacha Middle School, said they are excited to begin classes with fellow middle school students.

"During the meeting, we were told by [our incoming] principal Vince Dela Cruz that there are several clubs and programs that we can participate in here at Chacha. And I am just very excited [knowing] that they have everything here," said Castro, who wants to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the Youth Advisory Panel.

Calvo said that Kagman Elementary will hold its parent orientation for kindergarten to grade 3 on Aug. 27, from 9am to 10am; and its parent orientation for grades 4 to 5 on Aug. 28, from 9am to 10am. Registration is ongoing for the pioneering full-day kindergarten classes.

At Chacha Oceanview Middle School, parent orientation will be on Aug. 28, from 9:30am to 11am. The school's registration is ongoing.

Both principals urged parents and community members to make sure that all registration forms are updated. These include contact numbers, health cards, and other important information. Student class schedules will be issued during the first day of school, Sept. 3. Parents and guardians are also advised to fill out the free meal forms.

The middle school concept came into being primarily as part of the PSS management's plan to reallocate resources within the school district, reduce large student numbers at Hopwood Jr. High School, and to align the CNMI Public School System with the trends in middle level education composed of Grades 6 through 8.

According to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., these moves will have a positive impact within the school district.

Three critical areas have been identified where the concept is expected to work: 1) Reduce student enrollment at Hopwood Jr. High by 50 percent; 2) Establish middle schools within school communities similar to elementary schools, and 3) Student aged 11-13 parallels the period of human growth and development between childhood and adolescence.

SENATE

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committee will be formed to hash out the budget differences between the House and Senate.

The committee's recommendations include restoring $2 million for Rota and Tinian homestead projects that the House removed, along with the restoration of some $229,000 for Rota utilities that the House also cut when it passed the budget bill.

Senate Fiscal Affairs vice chair and floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday the committee report on the electronic gaming measure, House Bill 18-51, House Draft 4, "sends the bill to the floor for debate and hopefully passage."

The revenue-generating bill amends the definition of gambling device to exclude electronic gaming machines.

If this revenue-generating bill becomes law, it will allow electronic table games such as poker, roulette, blackjack, craps, big wheel, slot machines, baccarat, pai gow and sic bo, as well as any of their variations or composites.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview, said he has yet to see the committee report on the electronic gaming bill including the projected revenue stream.

"We're willing to give it a try," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Under the House-amended bill, electronic table games are allowed at hotels with only at least 100 rooms. Qualified hotels and resorts could also have fewer than 100 rooms so long as the hotel is attached to a golf course.

The budget and electronic gaming bills are only two of 11 bills on the Senate's session agenda today.

At least two resolutions are also on calendar, including House Joint Resolution 18-5 fully supporting a five-year extension of the CW program.

The other one is House Joint Resolution 18-6, urging the governor to concur and support the attorney general's opinion that former governor Benigno R. Fitial had no authority to enter into a sole-source $190.8-million, 25-year power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC.

What is the H.O.M.E. Visiting Program?
- The H.O.M.E. Visiting Program is an acronym for Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood. The program sets out to improve the health and developmental outcomes for pregnant mothers and infants no older than 3 months of age who reside in at risk communities.

What is the purpose for this program?
- To strengthen the early childhood system in the community and to support families and communities in the development of children who are healthy and ready to learn at school entry. The program wants to also strengthen and enhance initiatives/activities, expand and improve coordination, and assure the provision of comprehensive services for families who reside in at risk communities.

What are the program objectives?
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What Services are provided?
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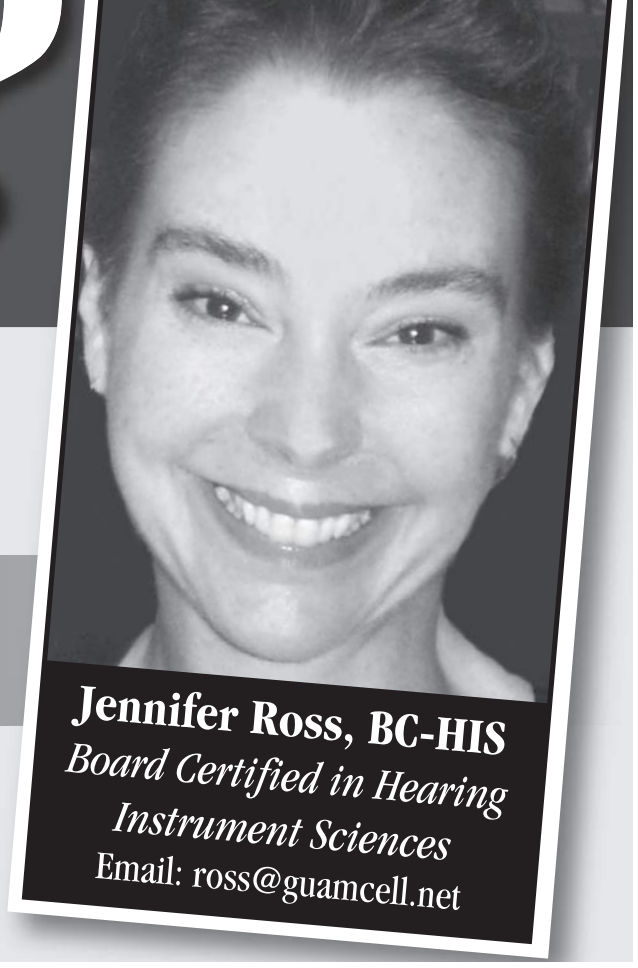

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‘Environment influences ability to be physically active’

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Aside from personal choices, the environment also plays a big part in one’s ability to be physically active or not, according to Patricia Coleman of the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Education and Extension Service’s Family Consumers Sciences Program.

Speaking at the Saipan Rotary Club’s weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, Coleman said the environment—more precisely the build environment—is a factor in an individual’s physiological makeup.

“Health is really affected by the environment. I know for many years the orientation was based on personal choice but what we continue to find in the scientific literature is that environment also affects these things.”

Coleman, who is the NMC-CREES nutrition and health programs team leader, cited the workplace as an example and the presence of vending machines becoming the default choice of employees because they don’t have time to go out and eat or drink a healthier alternative.

She didn’t go that far in her next example, as the snack bar at NMC, she said, also provides students and teachers on campus some not-so-healthy choices of food items

“Many of our students stay there from morning to evening and their choices are about 98 percent sugar-sweetened beverages and they also have a lot of candies, cookies, and stuff. They also have a little bowl of fruit to appease who they call nutrition purists.”

Coleman also cited the community’s seeming aversion to walking, even for short distances. She, however, blamed this on two factors that are clearly due to the build environment.

“We don’t see people walking because there’s no sidewalk. So it becomes a safety issue. We also have dogs that are not tied up. …So if I wanted to walk 20 feet to the mom-and-pop store with my family and I have six children, ranging in age from 1 to 14 years old, can I walk the road safely? If there are dogs that’s going to attack me and my family, perhaps not…I have to get into my car and drive 20 feet.”

MARK RABAGO
NMC-CREES nutrition and health programs team leader Patricia Coleman talks about how the environment plays big a part in one’s ability to be physically active or not during yesterday’s Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To her right is Rotary Club president Laila Y. Boyer.

Coleman said these three examples clearly show how the build environment influences one’s ability to be active.

“We manage as a society to engineer physical activity out of our daily routine. We have remotes to turn on remotes. We also have clap-on devices. We have all these things.”

Coleman also talked about the Beach Road pathway and how many people on Saipan still don’t have access to it.

“Even though we have that beautiful pathway, for many people who don’t have the resources it becomes a barrier. If I have to drive from a village to get to the pathway to be physically active, that requires a conscious choice.”

In practical terms, she said, what Children’s Healthy Living Program is trying to do is to make the healthy choice not only the default choice but the easy, affordable, and accessible choice as well.

Buckingham says to require him to seek a new lawyer is ‘unjust’

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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Former Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham states that the criminal case filed against him has been pending in the Superior Court since August 2012 and to now require him to seek a new lawyer is unjust.

Buckingham, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, filed yesterday a motion asking Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman to reconsider his order to disqualify Nicholas as his counsel.

In the motion for reconsideration, Nicholas said the court is very much aware of the amount of work that he has done based on pleadings filed with the court as well as with the CNMI Supreme Court.

Nicholas said that whoever Buckingham retains as his new counsel, that lawyer must start “from ground zero so to speak.”

Nicholas said Buckingham has invested a lot of his time and resources, financially speaking, in his defense in the case. To require Buckingham now to basically start all over again on an account of having to reinvest his limited financial resources in seeing to it that his new counsel is brought up to speed “is in and of itself not right.”

The trial of the case will be on Feb. 3, 2014.

In his order on Friday, Wiseman determined that there is a significant risk that Nicholas’ representation of Buckingham would be materially limited by his representation of his former clients, the officers involved in the case.

Nicholas undertook representation of Buckingham on Aug. 24, 2012, and then represented officers Jermaine Nekaifes, Myron Laniyo, and Stanley Patris before the 17th CNMI House of Representatives Special Committee on Impeachment.

Wiseman said even if Nicholas had obtained the consent of all parties, this type of conflict cannot be waived because Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7(b)(3) prohibits a lawyer from representing adverse parties in litigation.

In Buckingham’s motion for reconsideration, Nicholas said to the extent that Wiseman still thinks that a potential for a conflict exists if the police officers were to testify in this case, Buckingham proposes that he be required to seek another counsel to act in a limited capacity in addressing any cross-examinations of the police officers at trial.

“The present counsel will then be walled-off from the new counsel and any cross-examination of the police officers may proceed by this new counsel, thereby alleviating any conflict concerns,” Nicholas said.

The Office of the Public Auditor filed criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with an alleged violation of election laws and illegal award of a sole-source contract, among others.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-OPA-158

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“SINGLE AUDIT OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT WITH A SEPARATE FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION (CHCC) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013”

THE SINGLE AUDIT GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE PUBLIC AUDITOR’S MAIN OFFICE AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXEPT HOLIDAYS.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. DAVID BLAKE, OPA AUDIT MANAGER AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (670) 322-6481/2 OR BY FACSIMILE TO (670) 322-7812.

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/S/ MICHAEL PAI
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Vacancy No. 13-046
Opening Date: Wednesday, August 07, 2013
Closing Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2013

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbents duties and responsibilities are as follows: Responsible for performing paraprofessional financial related duties. May supervise lower level staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs paraprofessional financial support activities to include: researches, collects, analyzes, and reconciles billing information from disputed accounts. Compiles documents to prepare billing adjustments and completes documents to support adjustments. Prepares written responses to customers of approved dispute resolutions. Initiates telephone contact and maintains proper follow up with customers. Tracks and reviews pending service orders for filed investigations. Assists in the preparation of variety of reports to and from internal departments that will assist in effectively resolving customer disputes in a timely manner. Establishes and maintains positive interactions with internal departments to resolve customer disputes timely. Assists in the preparation and reviews of required documents for Administrative Hearings. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: Chief Financial Officer Division, **SAIPAN.**

SALARY: $19,425.00 to $25,300.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: Four (4)

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Head Start Policy Council
AGENDA

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Friday, August 23 2013 at 9:30 a.m., Tanapag Head Start Resource Center, Tanapag, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes:
   a. May 3, 2013 Regular Meeting
   b. May 24, 2013 Special Meeting
   c. July 12, 2013 Special Meeting

II. Public Comments
III. Communication
1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. Monthly Reports
1. Director
   a. Audit Report for SY 2011-2012 and SY 2012-2013
   b. Final Program Calendar
   c. Updates on Triennial Review Corrective Action
   d. SY 12-13 Self-Assessment Corrective Action Plan
   e. SY 13-14 Staff Placement
   f. FY 13-14 Financial Assistance Award
   g. SY 13-14 Enrollment
   h. SY 13-14 Professional Development Plans
   i. Progress on Facilities Projects
2. Managers
3. Federal Programs Officer
4. Interim Finance Director
5. HPC Standing Committees
6. Center Representatives

V. Old Business
VI. New Business
1. Action Item
   a. Approval of SY 12-13 Program Information Report (PIR)

VII. Miscellaneous Matters
VIII. Executive Session
IX. Next Meeting
X. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days notice is required.

/s/ Antonio Mesngon
Chairperson

[1] Pursuant to 1CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Warren: CUC's non-US workers currently at 48

'Additional FTEs needed to comply with stipulated order requirements'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. currently has a total of 48 nonresident workers in various divisions that require their special skills and expertise, according to CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren.

Most of these non-U.S. workers are from the Philippines, he added.

A total of 41 skilled non-U.S. workers are currently assigned at the power division while four are with the water and wastewater division. CUC also has three nonresident staffers at its administration offices.

According to Warren, only six of these non-U.S. worker employees were given long-term employment contracts of up to three years; the rest, 42, are on one-year contracts.

Based on CUC records this fiscal year, it has a total of 365 personnel, including the 48 nonresident workers. All employees are paid using the agency's revenue except for one who is funded by a federal grant.

Warren said that CUC's average monthly personnel cost—including wages, overtime, and benefits—is about $957,000. This is about 10 percent of CUC's total monthly expenses.

CUC had about 380 budgeted positions in fiscal year 2011, according to Warren. He expects this to go up in fiscal year 2014, to over 400.

"The [fiscal year] 2014 budget has about 424 positions budgeted. The growth in the number of positions is primarily related to the staffing required to run stipulated order mandated projects," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

In determining its compensation for personnel, Warren said CUC is using the salary plan adopted pursuant to 4 CMC 8133 (c)(2). This plan has pay ranging from $12,584 to $162,461 per year.

"CUC currently has a procurement open for the development of a salary administration program, to include the development of a performance management rating and payment system. Among other things, the program will include an analysis of each position at CUC to determine the knowledge, skills and abilities required, in addition to a market salary survey used to determine appropriate pay ranges for each position," said Warren. This procurement closes on Aug. 27.

"This salary administration program is to utilize a market salary survey to ensure that salaries for similar positions are comparable to other utilities," he added.

The highest paid positions at the corporation are the top tier levels such as executive director, deputy directors, chief financial officer, chief engineer, and petroleum and compliance manager.

Complete Saipan Awaodori Team finally performs

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Awaodori Team members Zacarias Sakisat, Itheyvin They, Ronald Fitipol, Cody Litulumar, Nyla Sablan, and Elisa Lazaro pose with Tokyo Tensuiren Group head Yukihiro Iwanami and his brothers during a performance in Ontakesan, Tokyo last Saturday.

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The full complement of eight Saipan Awaodori Team members finally performed last weekend, joining their mother group, Tokyo Tensuiren Group, in shows in Ontakesan in Tokyo and Fuji in Susono, Japan.

PDM Promoters, Inc. coordinator Sonia Siwa said that drummers/musicians Zacarias Sakisat and siblings Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki as well as dancers Itheyvin They, Ronald Fitipol, Cody Litulumar, Nyla Sablan, and Elisa Lazaro performed as a group on Aug. 17 in Ontakesan and on Aug. 18 in Fuji.

Sablan, Litulumar, and Fitipol arrived in Japan only on Aug. 11.

Next up for the Saipan Awaodori Team is the Koenji Awaodori Festival on Aug. 24 and 25.

"This is the second largest of all the Awaodori festivals held throughout Japan. This is held annually on the last Saturday and Sunday of August," Siwa said.

About 188 groups with 12,000 dancers and musicians will pile out on the nine routes set up along the shopping promenades of the streets of Koenji.

Siwa said the Saipan members who are now in Japan are the group leaders. In fact, four of them— Lazaro, Litulumar, Fitipol, and They—have been members since the group started six years ago. Sakisat and Sablan, meanwhile, have been with the group the past three years.

"They all serve as inspirations to other members of the group who want to become good dancers and active members so they can have their chance to be the next ones to dance in Japan," said Siwa.

She said PDM Promoters CEO and director Misako Kamata shouldered all the expenses for the group's monthlong stay in Japan.

"We did not do any fundraising for them. Plane tickets, accommodations, transportation, as well as their daily food were all taken cared of by Ms. Kamata. They stayed at her house in Tokyo and [Kamata's mother] took care of them and cooked for them. We asked the parents just to give their kids some daily allowance so they can buy something for themselves."

Additional expenses for Awaodori events like uniforms and instruments were purchased using donations from the Saipan Awaodori Team's sponsors like the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, DFS Galleria, and Docomo Pacific.

Aside from Kamata, instructor/teacher Mayumi Suzuki is accompanying the eight members of the team. Suzuki is a member of the Tokyo Tensuiren Group.

The team is expected to return to Saipan on Aug. 28.

The Awaodori Festival is held from July to August in Japan and is meant to usher the souls of ancestors during the *obon* season.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-024

TANK # 103, 120 & ISO TANKS CLEANING AT CUC POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Tank Nos. 103, 120 & ISO Tank Cleaning at CUC Power Plant, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The "CUC" or "Corporation" currently operates multiple diesel engine generators at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and No. 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The CUC is soliciting proposals from experienced contractors or specialist firms experienced in the cleaning of fuel storage tanks up to 1 M USG capacity.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) and the United States District Court entered into a Stipulated Order Number Two (SO No. 2) for Preliminary Injunctive Relief under Civil Case No. CV 08-0051 (Section 1.1). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed the civil action seeking injunctive relief under the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This work shall satisfy the requirement in Section IV, Oil Spill Prevention and Preparedness, Paragraphs # 28 Tank System Integrity Testing Work plan and Implementation for CUC Power plants 1 and 2 Integrity Inspection Program. The Power Plants 1 and 2 are located at the Lower Base Industrial Area near Saipan seaport, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). It is the corporations' desire to undertake cleaning of the Bulk tank # 103, as soon the new tank #102 under construction is commissioned:

The work shall be done in two phases:
- **Phase 1 - Tank #103 (840,000 gal.)**
- **Phase 2 – Miscellaneous tanks – Tank # 120 (20,000 gal.) & ISO tanks, 2 ea. – 6,350 gal.**

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference followed by a site visit, will be held on **August 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant No. 1 Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"TANK # 103, 120 & ISO TANKS CLEANING AT CUC POWER PLANT 1, SAIPAN",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged CUC and US EPA. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **August 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Power Generation Acting TMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-025

TANK 103 OUT OF SERVICE (API 653) INSPECTION AT POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced engineering and certified specialist firms for the out of service inspection and integrity testing of the above ground oil storage tank (AST) # 103 and connected pipeline within the secondary containment at CUC Power Plant No. 1 in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The inspection is expected to be in two phases:
1. ***Out of service pre-repair inspection after tank cleaning, and***
2. ***Final tank inspection after performing the necessary repairs based on the scope of work developed during Phase 1.***

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference followed by a site visit, will be held on **August 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant No. 1 Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"TANK 103 OUT OF SERVICE (API 653) INSPECTION AT POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 30, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged CUC and US EPA. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **August 14, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Power Generation Acting TMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

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CHCC staff to have customer service training

A select number of Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. staff will take part in a whole-day customer service training next week at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The Community Guidance Center will be organizing the training sessions on two days, Aug. 29 and 30, with participants given the option to select a workshop date of their choice as the second day is a repeat of previous day.

CGC prevention specialist Jody Abraham said the workshop will be a combination of lectures, interactive group exercises, and role-playing.

It will be conducted by Island Training Solutions trainer Jim Arenovski and will cover customer service basics, customer service excellence, phone etiquette, time management, and stress management, among others.

She said 29 participants have so far been chosen to attend the workshop: eight from the Commonwealth Health Center, seven from the Division of Public Health, and 14 from Behavioral Health.

Last Friday, the Community Guidance Center had a Professional Development Day for its staff, also at the sprawling golf resort in Kagman. A total of 17 CGC staff attended.

Arenovski led the training on its first day, while Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.'s Tom Thornbourgh and Greg Borja did the second day.

CGC is the primary provider of mental health and substance abuse services for all individuals in the CNMI. It incorporates all outpatient mental health services and administers all federal health programs in the CNMI related to mental health and substance abuse, as well as all other publicly funded mental health services.

Through collaboration and establishing interdependent relationships with other system providers, the CGC is committed to providing high quality mental health and substance abuse treatment and other therapeutic services to the multi-diverse population of the CNMI, as well support services to families and friends, community outreach, prevention and education services, and referral assistance to other community resources.

CGC's vision is to ensure that every individual who has made the CNMI their home may be able to live and interact with each other in a community that is not only nurturing of its spiritual growth, psychological balance, emotional stability, and physical well-being, but at the same time fostering the development and maintenance of a cooperative and harmonious society. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 21, 2005

NMI reefs 'reasonably healthy'

Coral reef ecosystems in the CNMI are, on the whole, reasonably healthy but those in the Northern Islands and more distant banks and reefs appear to be in better condition than those closer to population centers such as Saipan, according to a report released Friday by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. The report, called The State of Coral Reef Ecosystems of the United States and Pacific Freely Associated States: 2005, also said that effects brought by the presence of large populations, such as nonpoint source pollution and fishing pressure, have affected coral reefs around Saipan, Tinian and Rota. "While these stressors are actively being managed by local government agencies, some solutions, such as the replacement of sewer infrastructure, exceed locally available funding," the report said.

Babauta vetoes nursing scholarship bill

As petitioned by some college students and even the CNMI Senate, Gov. Juan N. Babauta disapproved a nursing scholarship bill for lack of funding and a seemingly difficult eligibility criteria. "Numerous concerns have been raised regarding the viability of this proposed program. These concerns.relate to the lack of identified funding for the program and the fact that this measure does not assist current nursing students in the manner originally intended," said the governor in an Aug. 16, 2005 transmittal letter to the Legislature. He cited that the bill appropriates $200,000 from the Tobacco Control Fund to finance the program, but he said that the Legislature recently passed a bill, now enacted as Public Law 14-80, "which continuously appropriates all monies deposited in the Tobacco Control Fund for other programs."

August 21, 2006

Benefits for ex-governors, lt. governors imperiled

The NMI Retirement Fund has threatened to stop paying special benefits to former governors and lieutenant governors because of the government's failure to remit contributions for the annuitants. Retirement Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said that the Executive Branch owes the Fund over $445,000 in contributions for special annuities for past governors and lieutenant governors. In a letter to Finance Secretary Eloy Inos, Reyes demanded that the arrears be settled through appropriation. Otherwise, the Fund will stop releasing the special retirement annuities to the former CNMI leaders.

Immigration tightens screening procedures

Immigration officers have tightened screening procedures at CNMI airports to detect people coming unlawfully to the CNMI, according to Division of Immigration Director Melvin Grey. In an interview with the Saipan Tribune, Grey said the strict screening at the airports is actually an ongoing process due to the worldwide threat of terrorism. Grey said he observed that Immigration officers are "doing their job so far" in strictly checking incoming passengers at the airports.

August 21, 2007

NMC posts $7 million operating loss in FY06

The Northern Marianas College posted an operating loss of over $7 million last fiscal year, according to an independent audit report issued yesterday. Deloitte & Touche, which audited NMC's financial statements in FY 2006, found that the college's $7.05-million operating loss was actually an improvement from FY 2005, when expenses exceeded funds by $8.7 million. The FY 2006 figure is also the lowest since FY 2002.

Cross Island project to commence in weeks

Public Works Secretary Jose S. Demapan said the first phase of the department's biggest project this year, the Cross Island Road Improvement, may finally start in the next few weeks. In an interview with Saipan Tribune Friday, Demapan said they will be meeting with Federal Highway representatives from Hawaii sometimes this week to discuss the construction of the $12 million road project. "We will hopefully sit down with them so we can finalize the project to begin the bid for the construction of the Cross Island Road Project phase 1," he said. "Hopefully once we bid and give the green light to advertise this project then we will go move forward. Maybe next week."

Evidence of ex-rep's three more alleged sex misconducts barred

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied yesterday the Office of the Attorney General's motion to present evidence of three more acts of sexual misconduct allegedly committed by former representative Juan Iguel Tenorio, who is facing charges of sexually abusing a 13-year-old girl.

Wiseman found an alleged showering incident to be inadmissible as it does not constitute an offense of sexual assault under the CNMI Rules of Evidence.

On the two other alleged sexual misconduct, the judge ruled that based on the documents filed by the prosecution and defense counsel, it is unclear when these alleged incidents took place, what the allegations consist of, and whether they qualify as offenses of sexual assault or child molestation.

Wiseman said the only evidence is that some type of "victimization" of these individuals allegedly took place around the years 1998 and 1999.

The OAG filed the motion to introduce these extraneous offenses. The OAG also filed a motion to call a witness via videoconferencing in order to testify about these alleged uncharged conducts of Tenorio.

One uncharged conduct is that the sister-in-law of the mother of the alleged 13-year-old victim allegedly witnessed Tenorio peeking at the girl's mother while she was showering when she was pregnant.

The other is that Tenorio's relative alleges that he "victimized" her when she was 13 years old.

The third uncharged conduct is that Tenorio also reportedly sexually abused two other females.

Tenorio, through counsel Robert T. Torres, filed a motion to exclude testimonies related to these uncharged conduct.

In his order yesterday, Wiseman said that before a trial court may admit evidence of prior misconduct, it must conduct an NMI Rules of Evidence analysis, balancing the weight of the probative value of the evidence against the danger of unfair prejudice.

Wiseman said NMI Rules of Evidence 413 allows the admission of evidence of a defendant's commission of another offense of sexual assault for any relevant purpose. NMI Rules of Evidence 414 similarly allows such evidence involving offenses of child molestation, he said.

With respect to the shower incident, Wiseman said the government's motion to admit it as an offense of sexual assault is unsupported by law.

Wiseman cited a recent criminal case wherein the government attempted to admit evidence that the defendant peeked at a woman showering in the restroom of Saipan World Resort.

Wiseman said the incident resulted in a conviction for disturbing the peace, but did not constitute an offense of sexual assault and was therefore inadmissible under NMI Rules of Evidence 413.

As for the two alleged incidents involving Tenorio's three relatives, Wiseman said there are not enough facts alleged for the court to even consider the admissibility of the allegations.

Police arrested the 64-year-old Tenorio in February 2013 on charges of sexual assault in the second degree, assault and battery, sexual assault of a minor in the second degree, and disturbing the peace. A police detective stated that the girl told her mother on Dec. 30, 2012, that Tenorio touched her privates between May 31, 2010, and December 2010.

Tenorio pleaded not guilty.

Tenorio also used to serve as Office of Personnel Management director. He is currently the human resource manager for Hafadai Beach Hotel.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-028

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PREPAID METERS

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters for CUC Power Division, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-13-028, Supply & Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters",* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 23, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email at alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION TO BIDS
CUC-ITB-13-023

SURVEYED VEHICLES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Surveyed Vehicles located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $25.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-ITB-13-023, CUC Surveyed Vehicles"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed vehicles. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed vehicles to the prospective bidder in a **"As is, Where is"** condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the vehicles.

The vehicles may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Procurement & Supply Division at telephone no. 235-7025.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 14, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Assistant for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Jesse Jackson Jr.'s soft fall

"I grew up in a house with great expectations. Everything I do has a mark of excellence on it. I did what my community said do—go to college, get a degree, come back to it, be a faithful servant and play by the rules. If I want to be a lawyer, that's not enough. I need to be a Supreme Court justice one day. If I want to be an elected official, that's not enough. One day, son, you may be president."—**Jesse Jackson Jr., quoted in the *Chicago Tribune,* May 26, 1995.**

The serial thieving allowed the prominent and well-to-do couple—they earned nearly $350,000 in 2011—to spend some $750,000 looted from political funds. "This was a knowing, organized joint misconduct that was repeated over many years," U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said Wednesday in Washington.

Federal prosecutors wanted the felonious ex-congressman to do four years in prison, a term near the low end of federal guidelines. The judge instead chose 30 months. Jesse Jr. will surrender around Nov. 1 and, barring the unexpected, will be home before Christmas 2015, having served 85 percent of that sentence. His wife, Sandi, then will serve 12 months.

The light penance got us thinking about another ex-congressman, Rod Blagojevich. He and Jackson once were so close in the U.S. House that one colleague called them Salt and Pepper. Blagojevich's conviction on 18 corruption counts certainly eclipsed Jackson's plundering. But in dispatching the disgraced governor for 14 years—he'll probably serve almost 12—U.S. District Judge James Zagel made what ought to be the resounding thunder at every public corruption sentencing:

"The harm is the erosion of public trust in government" because when a politician goes bad he damages a system that relies on the willing participation of its citizens. "You," Zagel said, looking at Blagojevich, "did that damage." As did Jesse Jr. and Sandi Jackson. They should feel great relief that they are not being more harshly punished for their gaudy greed, their abuse of their constituents' trust.

The case similarly comes to an unsatisfying close for mental health advocates who have seen a possible teaching moment devolve into unanswered suspicions: Although his lawyer said Wednesday that Jackson "suffers from a very, very serious mental health disease," a prosecutor countered that because Jackson pleaded guilty rather than stand trial, there is no expert testimony, or evidence discovery process, or independent examination of the defendant. One of Jackson's prime explanations for his crime will not be litigated.

We wish the Jacksons constructive lives after they do their time. But looking back to those great expectations of 1995, the year he would win his House seat after another congressman's criminal conviction, the rest of us are left to marvel at little but the plunge:

The potential Supreme Court justice, or maybe president, instead is a convict and, soon enough, a federal prisoner.

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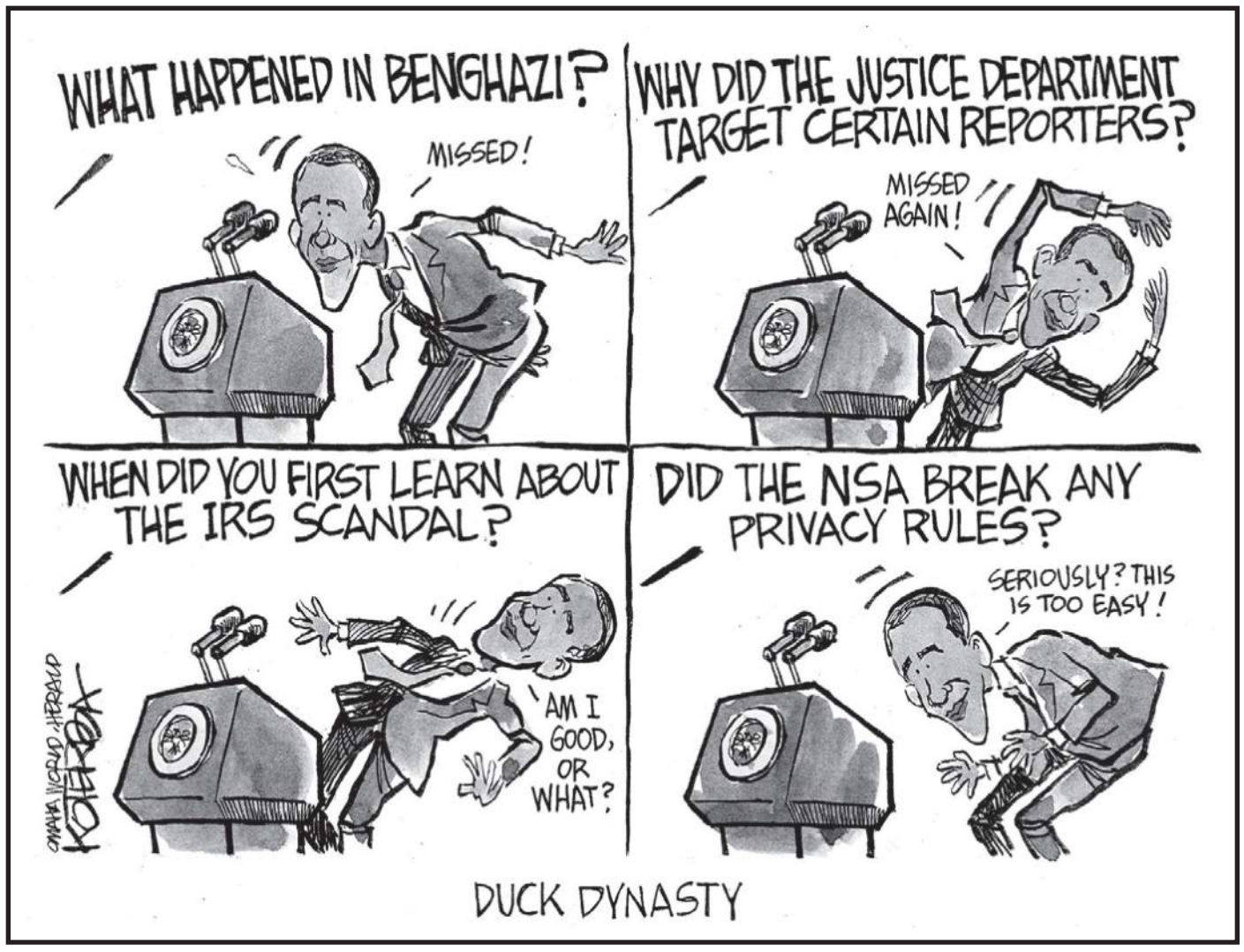
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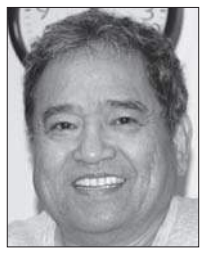
DID THE NSA BREAK ANY PRIVACY RULES?
SERIOUSLY? THIS IS TOO EASY!
DUCK DYNASTY

By your leave

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime R. Vergara (jrvergarajr2031@aol.com) is a former PSS teacher and is currently writing from the campus of Shenyang Aerospace University in China.



It had been my intention to pay Saipan one more visit before hitting the sunset of our years. That will no longer be so. Not only did our last trip cross-country in China on a train from the northeast to the southwest taxed time and resources, it also got us a severe case of gastroenteritis that had us on a diet of gruel for 30 days!

The cost of a trip to Saipan could also get us from Shenyang to N'orlisk, that is if Putin relaxes the restriction on non-Russians, and, though there are friends and acquaintances I might not mind saying, "Boo" to in the Marianas, the priorities have shifted. Let us be clear, though, that the tyranny of economics had never determined the route of our wandering, so not being economic smart does not hold water when booking the rail or the plane reservations.

Our reference to the gastro malady simply acknowledges that a bug got us so severely incapacitated that we actually thought of committing *hara-kiri* (the spoken act) without the *seppuku* (written deed), though both refer to the same thing: self-destruction by disembowelment. It was originally reserved as a ritual for the samurai who might have disgraced himself in battle or in public face. I do not know what it was that we committed to disgrace our *mianzi,* but no amount of antibiotics could stabilize the tummy, and the banana only left us constipated.

But we are not writing to review once more the state of our physiology. We are bidding "goodbye" to friends and foes alike, as we exit by the end of the month from this page forever. We've said the same without the "forever" before but something about being at the sharp edge of our mortality leave us making more definitive decisions than before.

My leave taking will take us to the end of the month, five days per week on this page since "daily" has come to exclude Saturdays and Sundays. Surprised that we should not settle for just one final stroke of the pen? Well, not really. I found my verbosity through this paper and the MV where we briefly bylined.

We got egged on to the addiction by Dan Hocking, erstwhile Saipan resident who, as holdover treasurer at Immanuel UMC when we got there, we had occasions to relate to more frequently than others. He noted that one of our write-ups in the church Sabbath handouts was worth a literary notice. Ex-ST's Lynn Knight occasionally drove her SUV to the church by Koblerville's mole hump (lower than a hill) when she had administrative oversight over the paper. Parson with the pen soon entered the printed page. Many personae kept the inkwell pretty well supplied, and due to their encouragement and critique (Ruth Tighe always caught tense, verb, and number imbalance), we are still writing.

We mention this at a time when "journalists" around the world are on critical defense as it becomes clear that objectivity in the enlightenment sense where a word can point to a specific reality without engaging the passion of the pen holder is an illusion; there is no way one can divorce one's self from the subject of one's literary accounts. One can, however, write honestly with a modicum of integrity.

Also, the issue of national security, a holdover from empires competing for earth's natural resources, and influence on local folks' decision-making, tails the coat of stuffy governance, institutionalizing irrelevant parochial concerns at a time when glocal consciousness is taking hold of the planet. The U.S., encrusted in the Spartan culture of military alertness, is understandably stuck in the CIA-NSA-FBI-Pentagon nexi, and though Obama's attempt at intelligence gathering oversight might dull the edge of Big Brother's widespread surveillance of everyone's privacy, it does not justify the continued practice of rule by fear and suspicion!

We digress. This is supposed to be about our leave-taking, replete with the civil niceties "appertain thereto" (in legalese). Being a creature who values friends and foes alike in equal measure, we would be making a mockery of roll call if we listed all of those we wish to say "goodbye" to.

We do trade in the commerce of literary discourse, through this page and in our university pedagogy. Language and numbers come to us as a third step in the iteration of human consciousness. First comes the sense experience, and second follows with personal preferences. The third of social relationship is what makes language necessary.

The *Book of Han* records a historically established expression: *shi shi qiu shi,* seek truth from facts. The recognition of describing sense experience as primal in the evolution of human consciousness is not novel. Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping many centuries later quoted the saying. That's also where we begin.

Our leave-taking acknowledges the prodders and the two island papers that hosted our juvenile discipline, the friends who mined words like "glocal" and phrases like an alliteration of "p" which we foisted on readers to check if anyone noticed. We were red-faced when Maya Kara did. We appreciate foes who are confident enough to write back and say, "What the shit are you talking about?," even the one who suggested that we pack our bags and get "the foreigner to return to the country of origin."

To all, it's a good day, and I am happy to be here.

Pondering the future

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

The military's planned use of Pagan, Tinian, and Saipan moves ahead methodically. It has secured money from Congress for its project at the FC Ada International Airport. It needs an additional 33 acres of land for its facilities.

The methodical scheme brings to mind Lord Palmerston's observation, "Nations don't have permanent friends, just permanent interests." Not sure Uncle Sam wants to build lasting friendship with us. He just wants our land and he'll get it too!

Nothing would stop the anointed indigenous warriors advancing their arguments against the use of Pagan. I sympathize with their sentiment but Uncle Sam has the upper hand. He has rights for acquisition of additional land whether we like it or not. Nonetheless, I can't fathom turning a crown jewel into a firing range. It illustrates its view of land versus the indigenous prism.

On a larger scale, take a look at the Middle East and the chaos we've inflicted under the guise of "national interest," specifically their oil. Need we inflict misery on the livelihood of the multitude all over the country because of our "national interest" in their precious oil?

Need we drop billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars on corrupt leadership who stash these funds somewhere for their own purposes? It seems like our foreign policy is stuck in the filthy swamp of misguided agenda that highlights supporting corrupt regimes. It has happened and still is happening at U.S. taxpayers' expense!

The authority to appropriate

A House member raised an important constitutional question on the administration's Fund settlement agreement that basically includes the usurpation of legislative authority to appropriate.

In other words, there's the separation of powers that limits appropriation of public funds to the House of Representatives. It's simple: the administration proposes while the Legislature disposes. The judiciary disposes of perceived legal or constitutional anomalies in laws.

It boggles the mind whether the Inos administration profoundly or inadvertently ignores the separation of powers in this case. The House must jealously guard its constitutional authority and avoid illegally making future appropriations without an actual budgetary plan from the Executive Branch submitted annually.

Again, the Constitution restricts legislative appropriations to the House chamber. It means all appropriation measures (including administration earmarking to meet its obligation in the Fund settlement plan) should begin at the Legislature's lower chamber.

What hasn't changed in this convoluted debate is the obvious profession by both branches to ensure the Fund is rendered bankrupt at some point. Both branches have succeeded in this joint agenda while doing circles on how they arrived at this plan to inflict more hardship against the livelihood of nearly 3,000 retirees. It's a matter of percipiency, isn't it? Reciprocity is in order!

On Medicaid for NMI

Indeed, we heard trumpets welcoming $150 million in Medicaid assistance. Fine! But did local officials explore the long-term ramifications how this program would further bankrupt the local coffers? Or is this too much of a fiduciary responsibility to probe, thus the usual rendering of *mañana*?

In other words, did we do due diligence to look into the characteristics of recipients, projected increase or decrease, ability of the local government to gradually absorb cost after five years when fund infusion from Medicaid fades out?

This is an important issue to resolve so we have a working knowledge of how to deal with it as local obligation piles up over the next 10-20 years. This obligation challenges what sectors must be sacrificed to provide Medicaid patients' healthcare services the NMI must shoulder.

Indeed, Medicaid has the appearance of a freebie, but did we review it to figure out the true nature of the beast? It's in the gradual shift in cost the local government must eventually absorb. Didn't significant reduction in revenue derail patient care services recently because we couldn't meet matching fund obligations? What's important to remember, though, is that in the end, it would be financially unsustainable. It's like to cost more than the original $150 million. Isn't this something to be concerned about?

Silence isn't necessarily golden

A lot is happening at the national level far above our nimble minds and far removed from our participation. Personally, I only envy the exemption from Obamacare of members of Congress and their staffs. They get to be federally paid for health policies of between $5,000-$11,000 per year.

And it is fully paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Kilili should seek exemption for the CNMI. After all, what's good for the goose is also good for the gander, *di ba*? Eh, we could use some $5K-$11K in Obamacare subsidies, *sayu*?

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We know the annihilating effects of federalization of immigration and minimum wage. It's the unbridled liberal view to control the livelihood of the multitude. It's a recipe to untangle and shred the free enterprise system, specifically the essence of personal industry.

We also know that the net effect of this egregious federal policy was further hardened when more local laws on fees and taxes were piled up, as if these measures would encourage more revenue streams. It didn't and it exacted the complete opposite.

Utility rates have stifled private industry expansion. In fact, a lot of businesses have put up shutters and left. But we fail to see why such is the case. We simply ignored probing why the significant contraction of private industry. Perhaps it's a case of "we don't know that we don't know" and would prefer "to know" NOT. Isn't this purposeful ignorance? Is silence golden in this case or is it more servility for lack of percipiency?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our lousy, rotten CUC

There is no more incompetent, uncaring, and borderline-criminal enterprise in the Commonwealth than CUC. They go out of their way to make life miserable for their customers.

I am customer 77227.

I have been repeatedly billed $86.05 for water every month since May. Nobody has come to read my meter or to adjust my bill. And there is no way that my wife and I could use that much water.

When I asked if they read the meters, I was informed, "Oh yes." This is a dirty lie. They may read some meters, but they haven't read mine, ever.

Here's how it began.

Early in May a pipe broke and I got my first $86.05 bill. I called them and a crew came out immediately.

But they couldn't fix it. Water gushed out of the ground and down my road. It went on for a couple of weeks. During that time I had a birthday party and everyone remarked about the river in front of our house. Yeah, funny.

More crews came and eventually removed the old meter, and I was informed that since the break happened on my side of the meter, I would have to pay for the water.

Then, with the new meter, my rate would drop and I would pay less, and that the $86.05 would be evened out over time.

These were also lies, told to my face by a CUC rep named Joel. At the time, he didn't know he was lying. He thought he was working for an honest and above-board company. Joel had been misled and he no longer works for CUC.

Eventually the flood was stopped and a new meter was installed.

But the bills for $86.05 kept coming, every month.

Last month a guy named Glen, who is in the water meter department, had my bill adjusted so that my water bill was to have been $19.82. Now this was the correct amount and was far more sensible.

However, the CUC rep, Van, who adjusted the bill failed to acknowledge a credit balance I had. Can't these people read?

My new bill arrived yesterday and—no surprise—water was $86.05.

Today I went to CUC and signed in at the desk. I waited for two hours in a near-full waiting room.

The security guard told me that there were only two customer service reps, and to be patient. I went up to the third floor to see if I could find Glen again, but he wasn't around. "He was just here," someone said.

I returned to the waiting room and talked with the security guard and expressed some frustration. "I am going to write a story about this," I said, and the other 20 or so people in the waiting room smiled at me and voiced support.

They have two customer service reps when they need a minimum of eight. Is that CUC's idea of service? To inconvenience the customers? Keep them waiting for hours on hard chairs while two reps try to handle everything?

And why isn't my meter read? Is it too much of an inconvenience to expect the CUC people to do their jobs? Apparently so.

I hope someone in authority at CUC reads this and shakes things up. You need to get more customer reps on duty, you need to have meters read at everyone's home, and you need to fix constant overcharging. Above all, you must care about your customers. Because, as it stands now, CUC is the worst-run, non-caring, borderline-criminal enterprise in the Commonwealth.

Russ Mason
Agkak, Saipan

Better economic solutions

The question that really needs answering is, "Why haven't we seen any leader in our government offer an alternative to casinos for the past decade?" I raise this question because the two "no" votes sent a very clear message to find another solution. But I guess our leaders have an uncanny ability to play like they didn't hear the message from the people. That happens a lot here. So I decided to do their work for them because there is no single or quick-fix for our economic dilemma and I would like to offer the following solutions for consideration:

A product industry of Made in America goods: Shoes, high-end apparel, specialty items, etc. We already have the existing factory infrastructure and the Made in America label is literally worth millions. There is also the fact that we have the lowest minimum wage in America, which makes it even more attractive for investors who want to produce American-made products.

Expand agriculture base: Mr. Pellegrino has proved that we have the capacity to export shrimp and a variety of fish. We should be promoting more fish farms in the CNMI and doing more to help farmers compete with the importing of goods that grow naturally in the CNMI by applying a floating special tariff on goods like lemons, bananas, and a variety of local produce that is grown in the CNMI. ***Rabbit farms*** are also an alternative to improving the agriculture sector. Given the versatile diet of most Southeast Asians who now live in the CNMI, the sale of rabbit meat will go well in the CNMI and even have the potential to be exported to Southeast Asian countries. There is also the byproduct of rabbit pelts that can be used for expensive coats, which will be Made in the U.S. on Saipan or one of the outer islands. ***The breadfruit industry****:* Yes, breadfruit has just been identified as having the potential for being exported.

A ferry industry: I recently introduced the need for a ferry industry that was really the job of our leaders in government but I am glad to see the government is trying to make it happen. But the point is the idea did not come from our leaders in government but me. I know for a fact that if I hadn't been so persistent with the Fitial and the Inos administrations, the ferry service would have been another killed project in order to give casinos a better chance.

Military support services: The military buildup is going to require numerous support services including a rehabilitation center for the injured. The CNMI should be working with the military to identify these needed support services and begin the work to create them.

A convention center: The idea for a convention center is another great idea by a former lawmaker and, believe it or not, the lawmaker spent over $100,000 of the people's money getting an architect to do the plans for a convention center because a site had finally been identified. Yes, we paid for the convention center plans but it was killed for casinos. Wake up, people!

But we have to *work* to make these alternatives become a reality. The great thing about all these alternatives is most of the money stays in the CNMI if we do the work but the millions earned by the casinos will be on the first flight out.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Read the report

Recent stories in your newspaper made inaccurate statements about an economic report completed in 2008 about a proposed Mariana Trench Marine National Monument. I suggest you read the report. It is available online: http://www.pewenvironment.org/uploadedFiles/PEG/Publications/Report/Economic%20Impact%20Mariana%20Trench.pdf.

The report predicted about $1.67 million in annual federal funding for the monument, but this estimate was based on the assumption that the monument would be managed by the NOAA Sanctuaries office, not the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries. I recommend you contact NOAA and USFWS to determine the actual amount they are spending on their office and two staff in Garapan.

Angelo Villagomez
Washington, D.C.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°

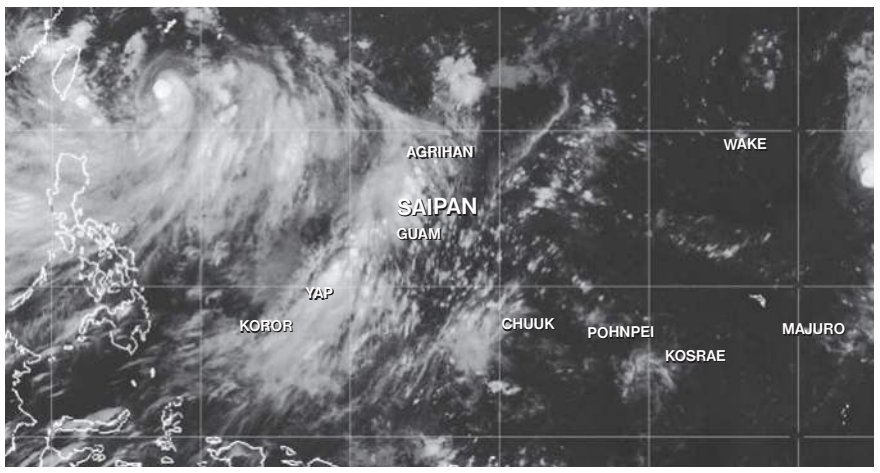
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲83	▼75
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Sunny	▲87	▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲62	▼50
Beijing	Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼83
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲58	▼43
Miami	Showers	▲89	▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼72
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲95	▼81
Paris	Sunny	▲80	▼57
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲88	▼79
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼68
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼61
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼56
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲92	▼81
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼74

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Trami (12W) is 320 miles south of Okinawa at 22N128E moving northward at 11 mph with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. A monsoon trough extends northeastward from Trami to beyond 25N. Areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are spread across much of the Philippine Sea. These areas include Palau and are just west of Yap and Saipan roughly west of a line from 4N136E to 12N138E to 15N144E to 24N148E. For more information on Tropical Storm Trami, see advisories issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Typhoon Pewa (01C) northeast of Majuro at 16N175E is moving toward northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. Troughing extends both toward the north and south of Pewa. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Wake Island are east of a line from 14N173E to 23N174E and northeast of Majuro within 175 miles of a line from 14N178E to 5N176E. For more information on Typhoon Pewa, see advisories issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and the National Weather Service under header WTPQ31 PGUM. A near-equatorial trough curves east-southeastward from a weak circulation southeast of Yap at 8N143E to near Chuuk and Pohnpei to finally end south of Kosrae in another weak circulation at 3N161E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are in four areas. These areas are east of Yap within 150 miles of a line from 4N138E to 11N141E and southwest of Chuuk within 150 miles of 5N148E and just northwest of Pohnpei within 50 miles of 8N157E and southwest of Kosrae within 100 miles of 3N161E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:30 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
7:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:36 AM	5:50 AM
Thursday	7:22 AM	6:49 AM
Friday	8:07 AM	7:46 AM
Saturday	8:51 AM	8:42 AM
Sunday	9:35 AM	9:36 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 10, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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IN ABBOTT'S MAGIC STAGE COMPETITION

Cedrick the Magician wins 1st place, People's Choice Award

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One year ago, Cedrick the Magician was performing magic tricks at the American Memorial Park and for small family gatherings, honing his budding skills in a couple of shows where his audience would urge him to repeat his tricks to figure out his magical moves.

» Local magician performs at the 'Magic Capital of the World'

The challenges posed by the small island crowd, however, soon paled so he decided to relocate to Colon, Michigan—the "Magic Capital of the World"—to learn the intricate tools of the trade from the very best.

The move paid off last week at the 76th Annual Abbott's Magic Convention Stage competition. Cedrick the Magician won first place and the People's Choice Award after garnering the most votes from an audience of over 600.

"I was definitely not expecting to win at all. It was my first competition and I've only been doing magic for about nine months [in the States], whereas others have been doing it for many, many years," he said.

"So when they announced I won, I couldn't believe it. It was definitely a dream come true. I'm extremely thankful and feel extremely blessed to have won my first magic competition."

Cedric, a 2010 Grace Christian Academy alumnus, competed with six other magicians from around the world. Each competitor presented a 10-minute performance showcasing their magical talents.

The competition was Cedrick's first and he hopes it will be a springboard to a steady career in the "magical" world. Abbott's Magic Convention was the starting point for such famous magicians as Lance Burton, Mac King, and David Copperfield, all of whom won first place at the competition.

The 21-year-old hopes to attend more magic conventions in the future and compete as much as he can for greater exposure. "Win or lose, it's still a way of getting my name out there."

The road to Michigan began when Cedrick, born Jim Cedrick Libut, was in fourth grade. He said he immediately got hooked when he started watching famous magicians on television.

"The shows were always late at night and I begged my Dad to let me stay up and watch them."

He bought his first magician set when he was 10 years old and spent hours perfecting his skills. His dream to become a magician never vanished. It became more of a reality after each performance.

"I love magic too much to stop doing it," Cedrick said.

Now that he has adjusted to a new environment in Michigan, he will take the next step of pursuing a degree in technical theatre, specializing in set design, at Michigan State University.

Cedrick's winning performance can be viewed on YouTube by searching for "The Magic of Cedrick - Abbott's 2013 Competition Act."

Cedrick the Magician at the 76th Annual Abbott's Magic Convention Stage competition. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Inos is SHRM's guest speaker on Aug. 29

The CNMI community has undergone many difficulties and changes during this past year and faces even more challenges in the months and years to come. Healthcare, immigration, local workforce development, tourist security, and the economy, the economy, and the economy are only a few of the serious human resource management and business issues occupying the front pages of newspapers and the minds of the Commonwealth's leaders and community members.

Inos

The Northern Marianas Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management is pleased to welcome Gov. Eloy S. Inos to address these issues and others at the society's Aug. 29, 2013, general membership meeting. Recognizing the wide range of significant issues and possible topics, the governor has been invited to speak from an open agenda. Inos will be accompanied by selected members of his Cabinet and will accept questions following his presentation, dependent upon his schedule and the time available. The society greatly appreciates the governor taking time from his schedule to meet and speak with our members.

This special meeting is open to the public and will be held in Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

The presentation includes lunch at a cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so make your reservation early by contacting Malou Jardinero at 234-6601 local 621/622 or e-mail her at malou_jardinero@tanholdings.com. ***(SHRM)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 28th birthday to Jasmine Marie King Kaipat! You are such a special person, who deserves a special day, for being who you are and bringing joy in every way. You make us smile and laugh with everything you do. So today we get to send a special birthday to you. May the Lord continue to bless you each and everyday. With lots of love, your husband, kids, and the rest of the family.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ChaCha Ocean View sets student orientation

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having an orientation for all students on Aug. 28, 2013, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the school cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

KagES sets school orientations

To all parents and guardians of students attending Kagman Elementary School: School orientations are as follows:

- Kindergarten to 3rd grade: Aug. 27, 2013, (Tuesday) from 9am to 10am
- 4th grade to 5th grade—Aug. 28, 2013, (Wednesday) from 9am to 10am

Your attendance at this meeting will be greatly appreciated. ***(PR)***

Townhall meeting on Tinian

There will be a townhall meeting on Tinian on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 5:30pm, at the Tinian Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria to discuss the *Johnson v. Inos* settlement agreement. The public is invited to listen to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, acting Retirement Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan, and legal counsels explain the benefits of the settlement agreement. There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the settlement agreement. ***(PR)***

House committee hearing on Tinian

The House Committee on Education is inviting the Tinian public to a public hearing on Aug. 22 at 6:30pm at the Tinian Court House to discuss HLI 18-007, which seeks to amend Article 15, Section 2 of the Constitution to authorize the election of the members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, Tinian regent Michaela U. Sanchez, and Maria Aguon, NMC Tinian instructional site program coordinator will be some of the witnesses present at the hearing.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written or verbal comments on or before the date of the hearing. Contact the Office of Rep. Roman C. Benavente and fax comments to (670) 664-8900 or email rep.rbenavente@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

SAES registration ongoing

Registration for school 2013-2014 is ongoing at the San Antonio Elementary School. Registration forms are available at the office. For returning students, submit the complete registration form, the child's health certificate (which requires an annual renewal), a map of residence, and insurance card. For new students, include the child's birth certificate and the transfer-out form from their previous school.

Parent orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm.

Classes will resume on Sept. 3, 2013, Tuesday. The tardy bell will ring at 8am and dismissal will be at 2:30pm. Gates will open 7:15am. New dismissal time for school year will be at 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 20, from 9:30am to 6pm
- Aug. 22, from 9:30am to 2pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

Kagman High beginning-of-the-year orientations

Orientation for all new and returning students is designed to inform parents and students of any new or changing information about the 2013-2014 school year. Attendance at orientation is highly recommended for both parents and students.

Schedules will be handed out on this day. Students who are *not* registered will *not* get schedules. Orientation dates are:

- Freshmen and seniors: Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Sophomores and juniors: Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Aug. 22

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Veterans' benefits outreach on Saipan, Tinian

Lee Stahli from the U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Outreach Office in Guam will be on Saipan on Aug. 21 and Aug. 23 to conduct a Federal Veterans Benefits Outreach. He will entertain all inquires on old and new VA disability claims, including all other VA benefits questions. Stahli will be at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, Suite 206 (second floor) at the Marina Heights Business Park, MHII Bldg., from 8:30am to 4pm. Appointments and walk-ins are all welcome. ***(PR)***

Business

Invest right, start a business through SBDC

The CNMI Small Business Development Center under the Department of Commerce, in partnership with the Commonwealth Development Authority, is encouraging defined benefit plan members who are withdrawing their retirement contributions to start, buy, or expand a business through the guidance of the CNMI SBDC.

"With the proper resources to develop a clear, thoughtful, written business plan before opening will place your investments to the guided path of success," said CNMI SBDC director Perry Inos Jr.

Inos

With retirement contributions circulating within the CNMI economy, the CNMI SBDC is encouraging defined benefit plan members to properly invest their funds for future security and economic growth through the CNMI SBDC resources available to the community at no cost.

In 2013, the CNMI SBDC enabled the start of four businesses, expansion of four businesses, created four new jobs, and retained 11 jobs with a total loan/equity dollar investment of $162,000.

Since 2012, the CNMI SBDC has been working diligently through outreach and business-to-business networking to create economic impact for the benefit of the CNMI.

"Through SBDC consultancies, trainings, and networks, the CNMI SBDC has documented four businesses started, three businesses expanded, over 12 jobs created, over eight jobs retained, $75,000 in business loans obtained, and $127,000 of owner's capital invested in business ventures," Inos said.

With the CNMI SBDC's reaffirmation in 2013 by America's Small Business Association for the next five years, "we are confident to provide the necessary tools and resources for success," he added.

The CNMI SBDC has growing partnerships with new funding sources such as Pacific Islands Development Bank, Bank of FSM, and USDA's Farm Services Agency. Also, the State Small Business Credit Initiative is in effect and receiving applications through participating banks in the CNMI.

"The designed purpose of the grant is to help entrepreneurs expand their businesses and create new jobs, as these funds will help break down barriers to credit for small businesses so that entrepreneurs can continue to hire and invest in our local community," said Inos. The CNMI SBDC will provide technical assistance to applicants who are interested in applying through banks to participate in these funding programs by business planning and one-on-one consulting.

To request for counseling, register online at pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com or contact the CNMI SBDC at 664-3018 and set an appointment through Lynette Sablan at lynette@pacificsbdc.com. The CNMI SBDC office hours are from Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm, and closed on holidays. ***(SBDC)***

Unemployment rates rise in most US states in July

WASHINGTON (AP)—Unemployment rates rose in more than half of U.S. states in July and fewer states added jobs, echoing national data that show the job market may have lost some momentum.

The Labor Department said Monday that unemployment rates increased in 28 states. They were unchanged in 14 and fell in eight states—the fewest to show a decline since January.

Hiring increased in 32 states in July compared with June, the fewest to report job gains in three months. Seventeen states reported job losses. California, Georgia and Florida reported the largest job gains, while New Jersey and Nevada lost the most.

Nationwide, hiring has been steady this year but slowed in July. Employers added 162,000 jobs, the fewest since March. The unemployment rate fell to 7.4 percent, a 4 1/2 -year low, from 7.6 percent.

And while the job market has improved over the past 12 months, the gains appear to be benefiting southern and western states most of all.

Unemployment in the West fell to 7.9 percent in July. That's down from 9.3 percent a year earlier and the biggest decline of the four regions. In the South, unemployment fell to 7.3 percent, from 7.8 percent a year ago.

Unemployment has barely dipped in the Midwest, to 7.3 percent from 7.5 percent in the past year. In the Northeast, it dropped to 7.6 percent from 8.4 percent.

Steve Cochrane, an economist at Moody's Analytics, says southern and western states have seen steady growth in manufacturing jobs. And the South is also benefiting from lower taxes and cheaper labor.

"Some of the old, long-standing comparative advantages are re-emerging as drivers of growth," he added.

California has propelled much of the gains in the West, adding 38,100 jobs in July to lead all states. And California has added 236,000 jobs in the past year, second only to Texas's 293,000 jobs.

Unemployment in California has fallen to 8.7 percent in July from 10.6 percent 12 months ago—the biggest year-over-year drop of any state.

Another bright spot is Utah, which has gained the largest percentage of jobs in the past 12 months. Utah's gains were in information technology, manufacturing and construction.

In the South, Texas, Florida and Georgia have been driving job growth. Georgia added 30,900 jobs in July, the second most of any state. Much of the gains were in categories that include transportation, utilities, retail, hotels, restaurants and amusement parks.

Nevada reported the nation's highest unemployment rate in July, at 9.5 percent. It was followed by Illinois, 9.2 percent. North Dakota continues to have the nation's lowest unemployment at 3 percent. South Dakota is close behind at 3.9 percent.

New Samsung 'Mega' phone nearly tablet-sized

NEW YORK (AP)—Smartphones are getting bigger as people use them more to watch movies and play games. A new one from Samsung is beyond big.

With a screen measuring 6.3 inches diagonally, the Galaxy Mega is almost as big as a 7-inch tablet computer. The difference: It makes phone calls.

Samsung says the Mega is a hybrid that combines the portability of a smartphone with the immersive experience that a tablet offers for movies, books, music and games. Phones of this size are typically referred to as phablets.

Samsung Electronics Co. is known for big phones. Its flagship Galaxy S4 is 5 inches, while the Galaxy Note 2 is 5.5 inches. Apple's iPhone 5 is 4 inches.

Samsung is also known for offering a variety of devices, with different screen sizes and prices, to target a range of consumers. Because of that, it's now the leading maker of phones. Apple, by contrast, has been releasing one model a year that targets high-end consumers. A new iPhone is expected this fall.

AP
This photo provided by AT&T shows the Samsung Galaxy Mega. With a screen measuring 6.3 inches (16-centimeter) diagonally, the Galaxy Mega is almost as big as a 7-inch (17.8-centimeter) tablet computer.

The Mega includes many features available in other recent Galaxy phones. That includes Multi Window, which allows multitasking in a split screen, and Easy Mode, which reduces the number of features and choices for new smartphone users.

AT&T Inc. says it will start selling the Mega on Friday for $150 with a two-year service contract. The Mega is also coming to Sprint and U.S. Cellular. Dates and prices weren't announced for those carriers. The Mega made its debut in Europe and Russia in May, but hasn't been available in the U.S. until now.

As Samsung's phones get larger, at least one of HTC Corp.'s is getting smaller. AT&T announced Monday that it will start selling a smaller version of the HTC One. Called the HTC One Mini, it will have a 4.3-inch screen, compared with 4.7 inches on the standard model. It's also lighter, at 4.3 ounces. The One is 5 ounces. The One Mini will be about $100 cheaper than its big brother. It will be available starting Friday for $100 with a two-year service agreement.

Al-Jazeera America prepares for Tuesday launch

NEW YORK (AP)—In a warren of offices at a former bank building near Madison Square Garden, dozens of journalists are at work on gleaming new electronic equipment, ready to turn their test runs of Al-Jazeera America into the real thing.

The Qatar-based news organization will finally establish a firm foothold on American television Tuesday after a decade of trying. At 3 p.m. EDT, Al Gore's former Current TV will turn out the lights in more than 45 million TV homes, replaced by the new U.S. affiliate of Al-Jazeera.

The network has hired many veterans of U.S. television, including John Seigenthaler, Joie Chen, Antonio Mora and Sheila MacVicar, and is promising a meaty diet of news that it believes will contrast with the opinionated talk that dominates American news networks.

"We're breaking in with something that we think is unique and are confident, with our guts and some research, that the American people are looking for," said Kate O'Brian, the former ABC News executive who is now Al-Jazeera America's president.

The dozens of flat-screen TVs and occupied desks scattered around marble pillars in AJA's New York office indicate this is no cheap startup. And this is temporary; the network is looking for a larger office in New York but wanted to start quickly after buying out Current in January. Bureaus are also being established in 11 other American cities.

Until Al-Jazeera America revealed a prime-time schedule last week, there were few indications of what the network would look like. Scheduled shows include a nightly newscast anchored by Seigenthaler, a newsmagazine hosted by Chen, a news talk show with Mora and a business program starring Ali Velshi.

It's still not clear what will be shown in the mornings and whether much of the broadcast day will be devoted to documentary-style programming or live news.

With its domestic bureaus, AJA will seek out stories beyond the towers of New York and government buildings in Washington, said Ehab Al Shihabi, the network's interim CEO. Besides those two cities, bureaus are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, Detroit, Chicago, Denver, Miami, Seattle, Nashville, Tenn., and New Orleans.

"I am here because the promise of doing good work is just exceptional," said David Doss, a veteran of ABC, NBC and CNN who is Al-Jazeera America's senior vice president of news programming.

Al-Jazeera is well-established overseas, and the American network will take advantage of its 70 bureaus. But executives have been careful to stress that AJA will be geared toward American tastes. They have a careful line to walk: Al-Jazeera doesn't want to remind Americans of when Bush administration officials questioned its independence in the months after the terrorist attacks, and the years when American cable operators wanted nothing to do it. Tight security is evident at the New York office. A visitor last week needed to go through an airport-style metal detector and be checked by two guards.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,943.36	1,376.51	2,965.90
34.66	3.73	23.29
+0.27%	+0.27%	+0.79%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	0.9615	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7562	Philippine Peso	41.8478
British Pound	0.6369	Indian Rupee	55.2275	Singapore Dollar	1.255
Canadian Dollar	1.0084	Indonesian Rupiah	9473.75	South Korean Won	1140.9
Chinese Yuan	6.3729	Japanese Yen	78.5888	Swiss Franc	0.9801
Euro	0.8161	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1557	Taiwan Dollar	29.9755
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2473	Thailand Baht	31.72

Nation

Prosecutor asks judge to give Manning 60 years

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—Army Pfc. Bradley Manning should spend 60 years in prison because he betrayed the U.S. by giving classified material to WikiLeaks, a prosecutor said Monday.

The soldier's defense attorney didn't recommend a specific punishment, but suggested any prison term shouldn't exceed 25 years because the classification of some of the documents Manning leaked expires in 25 years.

Defense attorney David Coombs said Manning, who was 21 when he enlisted in 2007, had limited experience in life and in the military. His youthful idealism contributed to his belief that he could change the way the world viewed the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and all future wars, by leaking the secret files, Coombs said.

"He had pure intentions at the time that he committed his offenses," Coombs said. "At that time, Pfc. Manning really, truly, genuinely believed that this information could make a difference."

Manning

Manning faces up to 90 years in prison, but Capt. Joe Morrow only asked the judge to sentence him to 60. Morrow did not say during closing arguments of the court-martial why prosecutors were not seeking the maximum punishment.

A military judge convicted Manning last month of 20 offenses, including six violations of the Espionage Act and five counts of stealing protected information.

"He's been convicted of serious crimes," Morrow said. "He betrayed the United States and for that betrayal, he deserves to spend the majority of his remaining life in confinement."

Coombs said the government's proposed sentence means the prosecution is only interested in punishment—having Manning "rotting in a jail cell"—and does not include the element of rehabilitation. He urged the judge to hand down a sentence that "allows him to have a life" one day.

The judge, Col. Denise Lind, said she will begin deliberating the punishment Tuesday.

The prosecutors' request for 60 years likely reflects their view that Manning's offenses were less egregious than if he had specifically sought out foreign agents and given them information, said Michael Navarre, a former Navy judge advocate in private practice in Washington.

The government was unable to show that Manning knew the documents would get to al-Qaida, and Manning has said he only leaked information that he believed would not be harmful.

Retired Army Col. Lisa Windsor, a military lawyer in private practice in Albany, N.Y., said prosecutors asked for what they likely consider a realistic sentence. Besides, she said, "60 years in prison is pretty horrible."

The 25-year-old native of Crescent, Okla., leaked more than 700,000 documents, including Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield reports and State Department diplomatic cables, while working in early 2010 as an intelligence analyst in Iraq. He also leaked video of a 2007 U.S. Apache helicopter attack in Baghdad that killed at least nine people, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

Manning took the stand last week and apologized for hurting his country, pleading with the judge for a chance to go to college and become a productive citizen.

CHP: Deadly limo fire due to mechanical problems

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP)—A mechanical problem ignited a limousine fire that killed five nurses trapped in the back, the California Highway Patrol said Monday as it released results of its investigation and 911 calls filled with screams from those inside.

The blaze broke out on the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on May 4 because of a catastrophic failure of the rear suspension system, CHP Capt. Mike Maskarich said. The air suspension failure allowed the spinning driveshaft to contact the floor pan, causing friction that ignited carpets and set the vehicle on fire, authorities said.

No charges will be filed, prosecutors said.

"Some tragedies are crimes and some are not, and this one is not," San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said at a joint news conference with the CHP.

The Public Utilities Commission is fining the limo operator $1,500 for having more passengers than allowed.

The fire broke out while a nurse, Neriza Fojas, was celebrating her recent wedding with a group of friends.

She was among the five killed. Four other friends inside the limo and the limo driver survived.

Recordings of 911 calls released Monday include a woman's voice shouting, "Oh, my god! Oh, my god!" and a man's voice shouting "Get out! Get out!" There also were cries and screams from callers and passengers.

AP

This frame grab taken from video provided by Roxana and Carlos Guzman shows a limo on fire Saturday, May 4, 2013, on the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge in San Francisco.

"It's a limousine that's fully engulfed, and there are people trapped inside," one caller said.

A woman who said she was a passenger screamed as she told the dispatcher there were people inside the burning limo.

On another call a rescuer told a dispatcher: "I don't think there is anything we can do."

"The rear of the limo is fully engulfed, and the doors are locked," the rescuer said.

Investigators said one of the rear doors had the child lock engaged, and the other side of the limo was too burned for them to tell.

One caller broke into tears as he described the scene to an operator who reassured him that help was coming.

In interviews with investigators, the survivors described a harrowing escape.

"I had to push Jasmin (Deguia) through the window, and Nelia (Arellano) pulled me out through the driver's side door," Amalia Loyola told investigators during an interview at the hospital hours after the fire, according to the investigation report.

Deguia said she was the third one out.

"When I was getting out of the limousine, the partition was so small my hips got stuck between the partition and the small ledge. I was hanging out headfirst," she said.

Loyola was the last one out.

"We all waited for other people to get out, but no one did," said Deguia.

Authorities reviewed video and photos of the fire and interviewed survivors, including the limo driver, Orville Brown.

Brown, 46, of San Jose, said at first, with the music in the limo turned up, he misunderstood what one of the passengers in the back of the 1999 Lincoln Town Car was saying when she knocked on the partition window.

"I thought she was asking if she could smoke," Brown said in an interview transcript released Monday.

He said seconds later, the women knocked again, this time screaming, "Smoke, smoke!" and "Pull over."

Brown said he got out and "tried to call 911, but it was busy."

Another passenger, Grace Guardiano, said the driver was "standing out there on his phone," after stopping the limo.

"He did not open the doors," Guardiano said. "I went out through the partition and called 911 from outside."

Voyager left solar system last year, new research shows

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuters)—NASA's long-lived Voyager probe crossed into interstellar space last year, becoming the first man-made object to leave the solar system, new research shows.

Scientists have been waiting for Voyager to detect a magnetic field that flows in a different direction than the solar system's magnetic field. But the new research shows that scenario is not accurate.

"We think that the magnetic field within the solar system and in the interstellar are aligned enough that you can actually pass through without seeing a huge change in direction," University of Maryland physicist Marc Swisdak said in an interview with Reuters on Thursday.

That would mean that Voyager actually reached interstellar space last summer when it detected a sudden drop in the number of particles coming from the sun and a corresponding rise in the number of galactic cosmic rays coming from interstellar space.

Not everyone is convinced, however.

Voyager lead scientist Edward Stone, now retired from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, said Swisdak's research is interesting but different computer models are portraying different scenarios to explain the Voyager data.

"We know where Voyager is in terms of distance and we know what it is observing. The challenge is relating that to these complex models of the interaction between the interstellar medium and the heliosphere," Stone said, referring to the bubble of space that falls under the sun's influence.

Stone and other scientists believe Voyager is in a previously unknown region, dubbed a "magnetic highway," that exists between the heliosphere and interstellar space.

Voyager 1 and a sister probe, Voyager 2, were launched in 1977 to study the outer planets. Voyager 1 is now about 120 times farther away from the sun than Earth. Voyager 2 is heading out of the solar system in a different direction.

The probes are powered by the slow decay of radioactive plutonium. Voyager 1 will begin running out of energy for its science instruments in 2020. By 2025, it will be completely out of power.

If Swisdak and colleagues are correct, Voyager 1's magnetic field readings will stay pretty much the same throughout the remainder of its mission.

"If they see a strong shift in the magnetic field, a big jump, then that means that what we've outlined can't be correct," Swisdak said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Kidnap suspect leaves money to victim's family

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A man who died in a shootout with FBI agents after kidnapping a 16-year-old girl and killing her mother and brother named a member of the victims' family as his life insurance beneficiary, a spokesman for the man's family said Monday. James Lee DiMaggio left $112,000 to Hannah Anderson's paternal grandmother, said Andrew Spanswick. He didn't know why but believes it was for the benefit of Hannah, the girl abducted by DiMaggio. Hannah was rescued in the FBI shootout on Aug. 10 in the Idaho wilderness and returned home to San Diego. DiMaggio, 40, had been like an uncle to the Anderson children and the father's best friend.

Judge bars most motive evidence in Fort Hood trial

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)—A military judge blocked several key pieces of evidence Monday that prosecutors said would explain the mindset of the soldier accused in the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, including his belief that he had a "jihad duty" to carry out the attack. Prosecutors had asked the judge to approve several witnesses and various evidence to support what they allege motivated Maj. Nidal Hasan to carry out the attack, which killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others at the Texas military base. But the judge, Col. Tara Osborn, blocked nearly all of it.

Beau Biden, Del. AG and son of VP, undergoes tests

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Beau Biden, the Delaware attorney general and the son of Vice President Joe Biden, is undergoing medical testing in Texas after being hospitalized last week for weakness and disorientation, his office said Monday night. The younger Biden, who suffered a mild stroke in 2010, began experiencing the new symptoms last Wednesday night after driving to Indiana for a family vacation, said Jason Miller, a spokesman for the Delaware Department of Justice. Biden, 44, was admitted to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and traveled the next morning to Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia to consult with his doctor.

Army: Soldier, wife laughed about killing charges

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. (AP)—Army prosecutors said Monday they have a recording of a phone call in which Staff Sgt. Robert Bales and his wife laugh as they review the charges filed against him in the killing of 16 Afghan villagers. Bales, an Ohio native and father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., pleaded guilty in June in a deal to avoid the death penalty for killing the civilians, mostly women and children, on March 11, 2012. His sentencing begins on Tuesday with the selection of a military jury. Prosecutors told the judge, Col. Jeffery Nance, on Monday they hope to play the recording, among others, to show a lack of remorse on Bales' part. He faces life in prison either with or without the possibility of release.

Asia

Floods cover more than half of Philippine capital

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Flooding caused by some of the Philippines' heaviest rains on record submerged more than half the capital Tuesday, turning roads into rivers and trapping tens of thousands of people in homes and shelters. The government suspended all work except rescues and disaster response for a second day.

Officials reported at least seven people dead, 11 injured and four missing. The dead included a 5-year-old boy whose house was hit by a concrete wall that collapsed. His two adult relatives also were injured.

Throughout the sprawling, low-lying capital region of 12 million people, floodwaters made most of the roads impassable and reached waist- or neck-deep along rivers and creeks. Authorities opened more than 200 evacuation centers in Manila and surrounding provinces filled with tens of thousands of people, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman said. Overall, more than 600,000 people have been affected by the floods.

AP

A Filipino man carries his son across a flooded street as they evacuate to higher grounds in Las Pinas, south of Manila, Philippines on Monday, Aug. 19, 2013.

"I had to wade through waist-deep flood. I just need to go to the house of my boss ... to get some money, then go home," said Esteban Gabin, a 45-year-old driver, who was plotting the best route to check on his family in Pampanga province, northwest of Manila. "But I may have to swim to reach my home because we live near the Pampanga River, and the flood there could reach up to neck deep."

The flooding followed two nights of heavy monsoon rains, enhanced by Tropical Storm Trami. The storm hovered over the North Philippine Sea and drenched the main northern island of Luzon with up to 30 millimeters (just over an inch) of rain per hour. It was forecast to move away from the Philippines toward Taiwan on Wednesday.

In many coastal towns along swollen Lake Laguna, near Manila, and in food-growing riverside provinces, residents were trapped on rooftops, waded through the streets or drifted on makeshift rafts. Many chose to stay close to their homes for fear they would be looted if they left. Floodwaters had subsided late Monday but the night of pounding rains Tuesday repeated the deluge.

Authorities said that up to 60 percent of the capital region was submerged.

Flooding has become more frequent in Manila because of deforestation of mountains, clogged waterways and canals where large squatter communities live, and poor urban planning.

"We're surprised by the rainfall. Some areas experienced record levels," said Science Secretary Mario Montejo.

According to an assessment from the Department of Science and Technology, rainfall reached 600 mm (23.62 inches) in and around Manila Bay on Sunday alone—more than a month's worth of rain in a day. That's compared to the disastrous 2009 Typhoon Ketsana, the strongest cyclone to hit Manila in modern history with 455 mm of rain in 24 hours.

Many domestic and international flights at Ninoy Aquino International Airport were cancelled. Key roads leading to the airport are flooded and passengers and crew are inevitably delayed.

The Philippine archipelago is among the most battered by rainstorms in the world. About 20 tropical cyclones hit the country every year.

Train kills 37 pilgrims in eastern India

PATNA, India (AP)—A train ran over a group of Hindu pilgrims at a crowded station in eastern India early Monday, killing at least 37 people. A mob infuriated by the deaths beat the driver severely and set fire to coaches, officials said.

Several hours after the accident, flames and dark smoke could be seen billowing out of the train coaches, as protesters blocked firefighters from the station in Dhamara Ghat, a small town in Bihar state, officials said.

Dinesh Chandra Yadav, a local member of parliament, said the pilgrims were crossing the tracks in the packed, chaotic station when they were struck by the Rajya Rani Express train. Several other people were injured.

S.K. Bhardwaj, a police officer in Bihar, said 37 people were killed.

Railway official Arunendra Kumar said the train was not supposed to halt at Dhamara Ghat and had been given clearance to pass through the station. However, some pilgrims waited on the tracks thinking they could stop the train, he said.

The train stopped a few hundred meters (yards) beyond the spot where it hit the pilgrims. Angry mobs then pulled out the train driver and beat him. Yadav said the driver died, but Kumar said the driver was in hospital in critical condition.

The mob then got all the passengers out of the train and set some coaches on fire. Groups of young men also smashed the windows of two other trains that were in the station.

A crowd of around 5,000 people gathered near Dhamara Ghat station and were chasing away the district officials who tried to remove the bodies from the tracks. The crowds blocked the railway tracks and the few policemen posted at the station had fled, state officials said.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appealed for calm in the area so that relief and rescue operations could be carried out, a statement from his office said.

Junior railway minister Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the mob set fire to at least two coaches of the train, and protesters were preventing firefighters from reaching the accident site.

ASIAN BRIEFS

More than 200 dead or missing in China floods

BEIJING (AP)—Heavy rains brought by a typhoon triggered landslides in southern China that buried homes and vehicles and killed at least 15 people, as the number of dead or missing from recent flooding in the country surged past 200. Nine people were reported killed in Hunan province and six in Guangxi, where vehicles were covered in mud and rocks along a mountain highway, local flood control offices said. The deaths come after three people died Sunday in a landslide near the Guangxi city of Wuzhou. Rains brought by last week's Typhoon Utor have caused severe flooding across Hunan, Guangxi and neighboring Guangdong province. In Guangdong, 22 people have died and eight were missing in flooding since Friday. By Tuesday morning, a total of 105 people were reported dead and 115 missing in the extreme south and northeast.

Boat carrying 105 passengers sinks in Indian Ocean

SYDNEY (AP)—A boat carrying around 100 asylum seekers sank in the Indian Ocean on Tuesday, and Australian officials were hurrying to rescue passengers from the water. The boat sank about 220 kilometers (140 miles) north of Christmas Island, where Australia operates a detention camp for asylum seekers. There were an estimated 105 people on board, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said in a statement. The agency said it received a call for help Tuesday morning, and an Australian navy ship was sent to the scene. Rescue officials reported the asylum seeker boat had sunk when they arrived. A merchant ship and rescue plane were also on the scene, and another Navy ship and plane were headed to the area to help.

Former Pakistan army chief charged in Bhutto death

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP)—A Pakistani court has indicted former Pakistani president and army chief, Pervez Musharraf, in the 2007 assassination of a former prime minister. Afsha Adil, a member of Musharraf's legal team, said Musharraf pleaded not guilty. Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was killed in 2007 during a rally in the city of Rawalpindi. Prosecutor Chaudry Muhammed Azhar said the charges include murder, conspiracy to commit murder and facilitation for murder. Prosecutors have said Musharraf, who was president at the time, failed to properly protect her. Musharraf has faced a litany of charges relating to his rule since returning to the country in March from self-imposed exile.

New leak from storage tank at Japan nuke plant

TOKYO (AP)—The operator of Japan's tsunami-crippled nuclear power plant says about 300 tons of highly radioactive water have leaked from a storage tank there. Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Tuesday that the contaminated water leaked from a steel storage tank at the wrecked Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. TEPCO hasn't figured out how or where the water leaked from the tank. TEPCO said the leaked water seeped into the ground after largely escaping a barrier made of sandbags around the tank. Workers are pumping out the puddle and the remaining water in the tank to transfer the contaminated water to other containers.

New Zealand dairy faces new contamination problem

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand's dairy industry faces another contamination problem following a recent botulism scare. The Westland Milk Products company said Monday that some of the lactoferrin powder it exported to China was found to have high levels of nitrate. The company said all 390 kilograms (860 pounds) of contaminated product have been located and quarantined. Chief Executive Rod Quin said in a statement it appears that cleaning products containing nitrates were not properly flushed from its factory. He said the contamination didn't pose a health risk because lactoferrin, an iron-binding protein used in food supplements, is a minor ingredient in the final products that are sold to consumers.

Afghan officials say 32 dead in clashes in west

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Battles between the Taliban and an Afghan security company left 32 people dead over the weekend, officials said Monday, as the country marked its 94th independence day from Britain with a small military parade and folk festivals in the capital. Abdul Rahman Zhawandai, a spokesman for the provincial governor of western Farah province, said 11 members of the Afghan Public Protection Force and 21 insurgents were killed Sunday in a two separate gun battles. Officials often announce high insurgent death tolls in clashes that cannot be independently confirmed.

World

Egypt: Court raises possibility of a free Mubarak

CAIRO (AP)—A court ruling Monday raised the possibility of jailed ex-president Hosni Mubarak walking free soon, a move that would fuel the unrest roiling the country after the autocratic leader's successor was removed in a military coup.

Underscoring the growing anger over Mohammed Morsi's ouster, suspected Islamic militants ambushed two minibuses carrying off-duty policemen in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, forcing the men to lie on the sand and shooting 25 of them dead.

"They were marked in advance by the attackers," said Ashraf Abdullah, who heads the police branch the victims belonged to. He said the assailants checked the IDs of the men, who were not in uniform, to ensure they were policemen before opening fire.

The brazen daylight attack raised fears that the strategic desert region bordering Israel and the Gaza Strip could be plunged into a full-fledged insurgency.

In a separate development early on Tuesday, police detained the supreme leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group from which Morsi hails, according to security officials and state television. They said Mohammed Badie was captured in an apartment in the eastern Cairo district of Nasr City. That's where Morsi's supporters held a six-week sit-in protest that was cleared by security forces last Wednesday.

The private ONTV network showed footage of a man the network said was Badie after his arrest. In the footage, a somber looking Badie in an off-white Arab robe, or galabiyah, sits motionless on a sofa as a man in civilian clothes and carrying an assault rifle stands nearby.

Badie and his powerful deputy Khairat el-Shater, who is in custody, go on trial later this month for their alleged role in the killing of eight protesters outside the Brotherhood's Cairo headquarters in June. His arrest is a serious blow to the group at a time when authorities are cracking down on its leaders and mid-ranking officials, detaining scores of them across the country.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The 25 slain police officers were given a funeral with full military honors presided over by Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim, who is in charge of the police, and the army's chief of staff, Gen. Sedki Sobhi.

In a show of solidarity, the men's coffins, draped in red, white and black Egyptian flags, were jointly carried by army soldiers and policemen, and interim President Adly Mansour declared a nationwide state of mourning to mark their deaths.

Despite the violence, Cairo, a bustling metropolis of some 18 million people, began to regain a sense of normalcy although the capital remained under a state of emergency and a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Daytime traffic was back to its normal congested levels and stores were open. Government employees returned to work and the Central Bank ordered banks, which were operating on a reduced 9 a.m.-noon schedule, to remain open for an additional hour on Tuesday. A handful of protests erupted in various parts of the city, but they were small and led to no violence.

AP

In this image obtained from an Egyptian emergency service worker which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, bodies of off-duty policemen who were killed near the border town of Rafah, North Sinai, Egypt, lie on the ground Monday, Aug. 19, 2013.

Britain forced *Guardian* to destroy copy of Snowden material

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—The editor of the *Guardian*, a major outlet for revelations based on leaks from former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, says the British government threatened legal action against the newspaper unless it either destroyed the classified documents or handed them back to British authorities.

In an article posted on the British newspaper's website on Monday, *Guardian* editor Alan Rusbridger said that a month ago, after the newspaper had published several stories based on Snowden's material, a British official advised him: "You've had your fun. Now we want the stuff back."

After further talks with the government, Rusbridger said, two "security experts" from Government Communications Headquarters, the British equivalent of the ultra-secretive U.S. National Security Agency, visited the *Guardian*'s London offices.

In the building's basement, Rusbridger wrote, government officials watched as computers which contained material provided by Snowden were physically pulverized. "We can call off the black helicopters," Rusbridger says one of the officials joked.

The *Guardian*'s decision to publicize the government threat - and the newspaper's assertion that it can continue reporting on the Snowden revelations from outside of Britain - appears to be the latest step in an escalating battle between the news media and governments over reporting of secret surveillance programs.

On Sunday, British authorities detained for nine hours the domestic partner of Glenn Greenwald, a *Guardian* writer who met face to face in Hong Kong with Snowden and has written or co-authored many of the newspaper's stories based on his material.

The *Guardian* reported, and UK authorities subsequently confirmed, that David Miranda, Greenwald's Brazilian partner, was detained by British authorities under an anti-terrorism law as he was in transit from Berlin to Brazil and was changing planes at London's Heathrow Airport.

One U.S. security official told Reuters that one of the main purposes of the British government's detention and questioning of Miranda was to send a message to recipients of Snowden's materials, including the *Guardian*, that the British government was serious about trying to shut down the leaks.

Thousands of Syrians flee to Iraq; crisis feared

AP

In this photo provided by UNHCR officials and taken on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013.

BAGHDAD (AP)—Tens of thousands of Syrian Kurds swarmed across a bridge into neighboring Iraq's northern self-ruled Kurdish region over the past few days in one of the biggest waves of refugees since the rebellion against President Bashar Assad began, U.N. officials said Monday.

The sudden exodus of around 30,000 Syrians amid the summer heat has created desperate conditions and left aid agencies and the regional government struggling to accommodate them, illustrating the huge strain the 2 1/2-year-old Syrian conflict has put on neighboring countries.

The mostly Kurdish men, women and children who made the trek join some 1.9 million Syrians who already have found refuge abroad from Syria's relentless carnage.

"This is an unprecedented influx of refugees, and the main concern is that so many of them are stuck out in the open at the border or in emergency reception areas with limited, if any, access to basic services," said Alan Paul, emergency team leader for the Britain-based charity Save the Children.

"The refugee response in Iraq is already thinly stretched, and close to half of the refugees are children who have experienced things no child should," he said, adding that thousands of refugees were stranded at the border, waiting to be registered.

The U.N. said the reason for this flow, which began five days ago and continued unabated Monday, is unclear. But Kurdish areas in northeastern Syria have been engulfed by fighting in recent months between Kurdish militias and Islamic extremist rebel factions with links to al-Qaida. Dozens have been killed.

Following the assassination of a prominent Kurdish leader late last month, a powerful Kurdish militia said it was mobilizing to expel Islamic extremists.

On Monday, activists said fighters from al-Qaida-linked jihadi groups shelled areas in the predominantly Kurdish town of Ras al-Ayn with mortars and artillery, coinciding with clashes in the area between Kurdish gunmen and jihadi fighters.

"Syrian refugees are still pouring into Iraq's northern Kurdish region in huge numbers, and most of them are women and children," said Youssef Mahmoud, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Iraq's Kurdish region.

Isolated Mashco-Piro Indians appear in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Members of an Indian tribe that has long lived in voluntary isolation in Peru's southeastern Amazon attempted to make contact with outsiders for a second time since 2011, leading to a tense standoff at a river hamlet.

Authorities are unsure what provoked the three-day encounter but say the Mashco-Piro may be upset by illegal logging in their territory as well as drug smugglers who pass through. Oil and gas exploration also affects the region.

The more than 100 members of Mashco-Piro clan appeared across the Las Piedras river from the remote community of Monte Salvado in the Tambopata region of Madre de Dios state from June 24-26, said Klaus Quicque, president of the regional FENAMAD indigenous federation.

They asked for bananas, rope and machetes from the local Yine people but were dissuaded from crossing the river by FENAMAD rangers posted at the settlement, said Quicque, who directed them to a banana patch on their side of the river.

The incident on the Las Piedras is chronicled in video shot by one of the rangers and obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

"You can see in the images there was a lot of threatening—the intention of crossing. They practically reached mid-river," Quicque said by phone from Puerto Maldonado, the regional capital.

The video shows Mashco-Piro of all ages and sexes, including men with lances, bows and arrows. In one image shot during a moment of tension, a man flexes his bow, ready to shoot.

Quicque said the estimated 110-150 people living in Monte Salvado "feared for their lives." He credited the ranger, Rommel Ponciano, for keeping a cool head.

Campus Life

Hawaii struggles to keep teachers

WAIANAE, Hawaii (AP)—Jonathan Sager was an idealistic 22-year-old recent college graduate when he arrived in Hawaii in 2006, yearning to make a difference in the lives of children in hardscrabble neighborhoods like those on the Waianae Coast.

About an hour's drive from bustling Honolulu, the stretch of unspoiled beaches and looming mountains is home to a high concentration of Native Hawaiians and some of the state's lowest-performing schools. So Sager learned their culture, bought a condo and planned to stay.

After seven years, Sager, now 29, quit, packing up this summer for Texas and becoming the latest teacher Hawaii could not keep as it tries to fill a seemingly perpetual teacher shortage. He said he was frustrated by constant educational experimentation.

Now, administrators' efforts to retain teachers have taken on a new urgency as they try to make progress on promised reforms that won Hawaii a $75 million federal "Race to the Top" grant. Teacher retention is one of the keys to those reforms.

They are offering $1,500 bonuses to work in "hard-to-staff" schools and plan to increase that amount to $3,000 during the 2015-16 school year. They are also holding classes in Hawaiian culture and language, and teaming new arrivals with veteran teachers to help ease the transition.

"This is a pretty big push for us," said Alex Harris, who is overseeing the state education department's "Race to the Top" efforts involving teachers. "We don't want to be recruiting at a high volume every year and losing professionals in their second or third year."

Hawaii—the only state with a single, statewide district—has long had to turn to the mainland because local teacher education programs can't produce enough graduates to fill classrooms across the islands, especially in remote schools.

AP

Dennis Tynan, right, talks to 9th grader Chyda Iokua during a 9th grade social studies class at Nakakuli High and Intermediate School in Waianae, Hawaii on Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

Getting the newcomers to stay is difficult, as they face culture shock, a high cost of living and a vast ocean separating them from their families.

"I recruited hundreds of teachers," said Al Nagasako, who was a principal at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School before Sager taught there. "You begin to select the good ones, and you know they're not going to stay."

The U.S. Department of Education criticized Hawaii for not doing a good job of publicizing the bonus for teachers to work in "hard-to-staff" schools, so Harris said the bonus has become a more prominent part of the pitch.

A new recruitment perk targets mainland teachers who can fill badly needed special education vacancies by offering them relocation bonuses, Harris said. The highest amount is $6,000 to work in Waianae or the Big Island's Kau, Keaau and Pahoa areas.

Those areas make up the low-performing, high-poverty schools that "Race to the Top" reforms are focusing on.

After his arrival, Sager, of Warren, Ohio, took a bus tour along with other new teachers and saw the poverty on the Waianae Coast.

Settling in required developing an ear for the pidgin English his students spoke and learning to pronounce vowel-laden names he never heard before. Even as he earned their acceptance, Sager said, he grew frustrated with feeling like he and his students were lab rats for experimental programs.

"We start and it's not perfect, so we scrap it and start over," he said.

State education officials are also offering a mentoring program, which began last school year, meant to help teachers feel supported, Harris said.

Nanakuli teacher Dennis Tynan bonded with a group of other teachers who were also adjusting to Hawaii when he arrived 10 years ago.

Tynan, 46, said the group helped him feel connected to the school. He also attributed his longevity to being older when he arrived from Texas, arming him with more life and classroom experiences. Now that he's one of two left in that group, he's starting to wonder about his future.

But those doubts are eased by his students, who no longer treat him like an outsider. He feels he owes it to his students to stick around.

"Here is a community of a marginalized ethnic group and because of the way everything gets structured in a bureaucratic schools system, they just get screwed over and over again," he said.

For some, the cost of living gets to be too much.

Kristen Wong, who left her job teaching special education on the Big Island to pursue a master's degree at Harvard University, met her fiance in Hawaii, but the costs of visiting their families on the mainland started to seem more daunting as they looked forward to having children.

Wong, 29, worked a second job most of her time in Hawaii to make ends meet. The entry level salary for the current school year starts at $33,169.

"It was really, really hard to make things work," she said. "I have student loans. I have a car loan. ... I'm actually pretty fiscally responsible."

Now, state officials are focused on teachers like Owen Allsopp. The 22-year-old graduate of University of Massachusetts at Amherst is settling into teaching first-grade at Pahala Elementary on the Big Island and sharing a house with three new teachers.

Before the first day of school, he already had a good grasp of Hawaiian names and words. And he's aware of the pressure to keep him.

"I know it's so important because it's hard to create lasting change if there's so much transition happening," he said. "There needs to be serious commitment."

In Celebration of Her New Life

Cayetana Teigita Dela Cruz

Born to life on June 18, 1949 and was called to
her Eternal rest on August 17, 2013
at the age of 64.

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Husband: †Ereneo B. Dela Cruz
Children: †Ernie T. Dela Cruz
†Maria Ana T. Dela Cruz
†Dolores T. Dela Cruz
Reared Parents: †Juan S. & Mariana K. Teigita
Parents: †Catalino T. & Ignacia T. Cangco
Parents-In-Laws: †Luis R. & Ana B. Dela Cruz
Brothers: †Pedro K. Teigita
†Samuel T. Cangco
†Natsa Siren, Jr.
Nephew: †Octavios Mike (Skep) T. Palacios

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:

Children/Spouses, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren:

Eloy T. & Shirley R. Dela Cruz: Hannah Mae (Benny, Coby), Eloy Jr., & Carina Lynn (Shianne)
†**Ernie** T. & Velma DLG Dela Cruz: Michael/Dorraine (Weihilani, Xavier), Chelsea Bianca/Bong, Tasha Renae, Ernie Joe, & Luis Jacob
Alva Marie T. Dela Cruz & Joseph T. Flores: Keli'i, Kalena, Joey/Gigi (Ester Jo, Alayna, Joseph Isaiah) & Jean
Ivan T. & Jessica I. Dela Cruz: Plasido, & Ivana Jemay
Anuncia Arlene B. Cangco & Fuanny A. Kelulau: Eritana Marie & Bradley Arjay

Brothers & Sisters/Spouses:

†**Pedro** K. & Bernadita I. Teigita & Family
Carmelita T. Palacios & Family
Vicente T. & Remedio DLC Cangco & Family
Mickey T. Cangco & Family
†**Samuel** T. Cangco & Family
Paul T. & Evelyn D. Cangco & Family
Isaac T. & Pamela K. Cangco & Family
Hilaria C. & Gerry Woolley & Family

She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces, Godchildren, & Friends.

Nightly Mass of Intention is being offered at **Santa Remedios Church** on Wednesday, & Friday, and at **San Roque Church** on Thursday at **6pm**.
Rosary is being said nightly at **Santa Remedios Church** at **7pm**.
On **Saturday, August 24, 2013** at **7:30AM** our beloved's body will be escorted from the CHC Morgue to **Santa Remedios Church** in Tanapag for viewing & last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at **11:00AM** followed by Interment Service at the **Tanapag Cemetery**.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I **Familia**

Life & Style

Palestinian finds Facebook bug, hacks CEO's page

YATTA, West Bank (AP)—After discovering a privacy bug on Facebook, unemployed Palestinian programmer Khalil Shreateh said he just wanted to collect the traditional $500 bounty the social network giant offers to those who voluntarily expose its glitches.

But when Facebook ignored his first two reports, Shreateh took his message to the top—and hacked into CEO Mark Zuckerberg's personal page to prove his point.

"Sorry for breaking your privacy," he wrote the Facebook founder, "I has no other choice to make after all the reports I sent to Facebook team ... as you can see iam not in your friend list and yet i can post to your timeline."

The stunt cost the 30-year-old Palestinian the bounty, but earned him praise—and numerous job offers—for being able to get to the boss of the world's most ubiquitous social network.

Shreateh, who lives near the West Bank city of Hebron and has been unable to find a job since graduating two years ago with a degree in information technology, told Facebook that he found a way that allowed anyone to post on anyone else's wall. "I told them that you have a vulnerability and you need to close it," he told The Associated Press. "I wasn't looking to be famous. I just wanted to make a point to Mark (Zuckerberg)."

In a message posted to the Hacker News, a user-driven security news site, Facebook software engineer Matthew Jones said the initial report was poorly worded, although he acknowledged that the company should have pressed for more information.

"As a few other commenters have pointed out, we get hundreds of reports every day," Jones wrote. "Many of our best reports come from people whose English isn't great—though this can be challenging, it's something we work with just fine and we have paid out over $1 million to hundreds of reporters. However, many of the reports we get are nonsense or misguided, and even those ... provide some modicum of reproduction instructions."

Prince William describes his joy at parenthood

LONDON (AP)—His newborn son is "a little bit of a rascal" and car seats can daunt any dad, Britain's Prince William says.

The second in line to the British throne has described his joy at introducing his son to the world on the steps of a London hospital last month—and about his nerves over fitting the car seat securely into the Land Rover before driving off.

William told CNN in his first interview since Prince George's birth on July 22 that both he and the Duchess of Cambridge couldn't wait to show off their son when they emerged from St. Mary's Hospital to meet the world's media a day later.

"I'm just glad he wasn't screaming his head off the whole way through," he said in an interview broadcast Monday.

William was quizzed on a range of child-rearing topics—from baby toys to diapers and sleep deprivation—and acknowledged that his expert performance sliding his child's car seat into the back of the royal four-wheel drive was a well-drilled exercise.

AP

This image taken by Michael Middleton, the Duchess's father, in early August 2013 and supplied by Kensington Palace, shows the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with their son, Prince George, in the garden of the Middleton family home in Bucklebury, England, with Tilly the retriever, seen left, a Middleton family pet, and Lupo, the couple's cocker spaniel.

"Believe me, it wasn't my first time. And I know there's been speculation about that. I had to practice, I really did," he said.

William and his wife's assured, do-it-yourself performance in front of the hospital helped cement the couple's image as the modern face of Britain's monarchy. But William said the decision to take his own baby in hand and drive home in the glare of the international press was a way of establishing his independence.

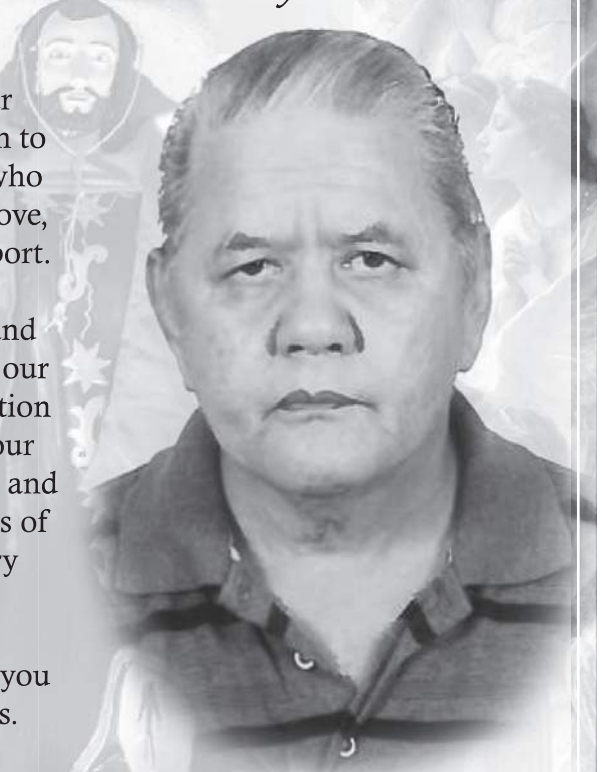
"I very much feel if I can do it myself, I want to do it myself," he said. "And there are times where you can't do it yourself and the system takes over or it's appropriate to do things differently. But, I think driving your son and your wife away from hospital was really important to me."

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of

†Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero Manalo

Lovingly known as "Larry"



would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to our relatives and friends who surrounded us with their love, prayers, kindness and support.

Your thoughtful gesture and kind words have consoled our hearts beyond our expectation in such difficult times. Your presence at the Daily Mass and most especially at the Mass of Christian Burial was very comforting.

We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

"May God Bless You All"

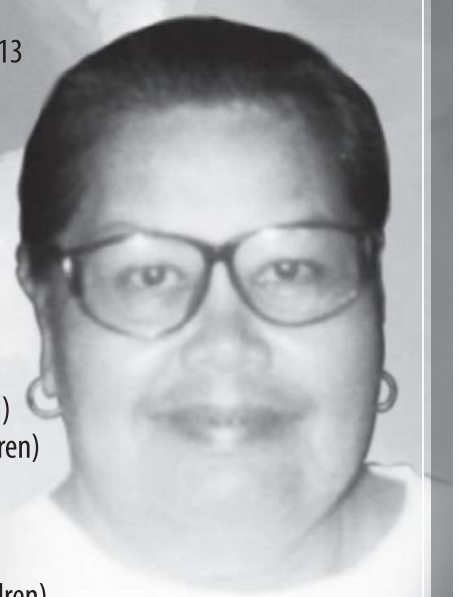
Thank you very much and Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From the Wife, Children and Family

Death & Funeral Announcement

Juanita Taimanao Pangelinan

of Navy Hill was called to her eternal rest in the grace of our Lord on Monday, August 19, 2013 at Salem, Oregon at the age of 63.



In her new life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Jose SN Pangelinan (Bolis)
Father: †Ramon Taimanao (Rota)

She is survived by her:

Mother: Ana Atalig Taimanao
Children: Joaquin and Daughter (Grandchildren)
Rita/John and Daughters (Grandchildren)
Bernadita and Son
Antonio
Victoria and Children (Grandchildren)
Susana/Nick and Children (Grandchildren)
Ignacia/Adam and Daughter

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:
Louis/Geraldine and Children (Grandchildren)
Sixto and Children
Calista/William and Children (Grandchildren)
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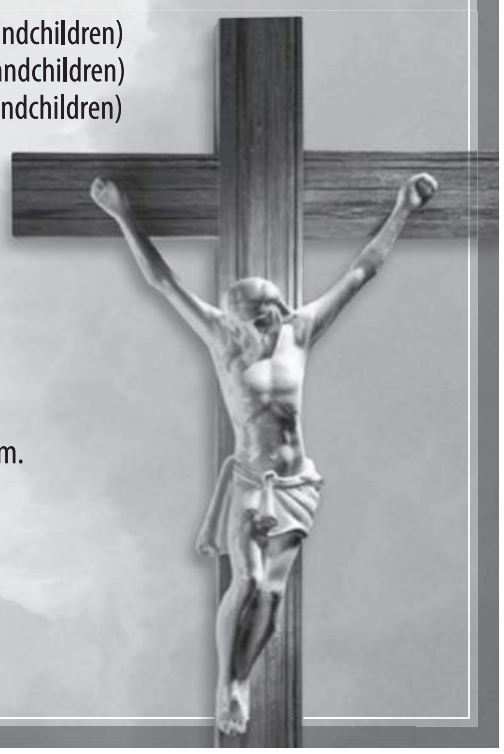


She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces & Nephews.

Mass is offered daily at Kristo Rai Church beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6:00 a.m.

Your prayers and presences are greatly appreciated.

Actor Lee Thompson Young found dead at age 29

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lee Thompson Young, who began his acting career as the teenage star of the Disney Channel's "The Famous Jett Jackson" and was featured in the film "Friday Night Lights" and the series "Rizzoli & Isles," was found dead Monday, police said. He was 29.

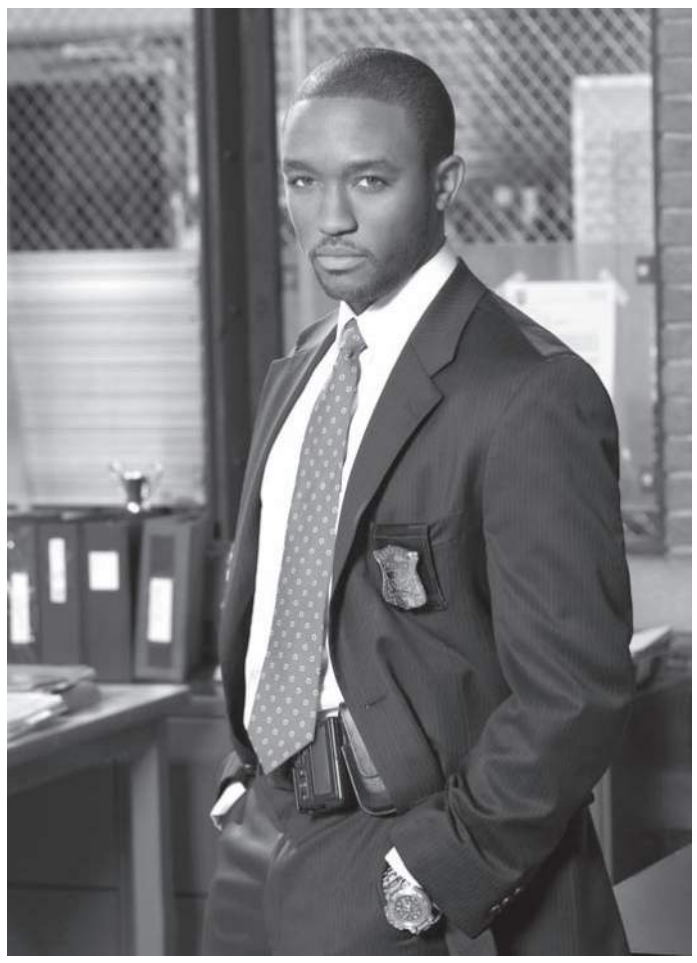
There was no official cause of death, but Young's manager, Paul Baruch, said the actor "tragically took his own life."

"Lee was more than just a brilliant young actor, he was a wonderful and gentle soul who will be truly missed. We ask that you please respect the privacy of his family and friends as this very difficult time," Baruch said in a statement.

Young's body was found at his North Hollywood home by police Monday morning after he failed to show up for work on TNT's crime drama "Rizzoli & Isles," police Officer Sally Madera said. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned and pronounced him dead at the scene, she said.

LAPD robbery-homicide detectives and the Los Angeles County coroner office were investigating because it is a high-profile death, she said. Madera had no details about the cause of death.

In the TNT series, Young played fledgling police Detective Barry Frost, who's computer savvy but squeamish. Earlier Monday, the channel announced it was renewing the series that stars Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander.



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This publicity photo released by TNT shows Lee Thompson Young as Detective Barry Frost in the TV series, "Rizzoli & Isles."

"We are beyond heartbroken at the loss of this sweet, gentle, good-hearted, intelligent man. ... Lee will be cherished and remembered by all who knew and loved him, both on- and offscreen, for his positive energy, infectious smile and soulful grace," TNT, studio Warner Bros. and series producer Janet Tamaro said in a joint statement.

They sent condolences to his mother and other family members.

According to a biography from TNT, Young was inspired to pursue acting when, at age, 10, he played Martin Luther King Jr. in a play in Young's hometown of Columbia, S.C.

In 1998, Young began starring in "The Famous Jett Jackson," playing a TV action hero who returns to his roots for a less high-profile life. The series ran until 2001.

Young followed it with roles in TV series, including "The Guardian," "Scrubs" and "Smallville" and in the films "Akeelah and the Bee" and "The Hills Have Eyes II." Young joined "Rizzoli & Isles" when it debuted in 2010.

"I'm the youngest member of the cast, so I really take advantage of the wealth of knowledge that I find myself surrounded by," Young said in a 2011 interview with the website Rolling Out.

Young, a graduate of University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, was an as an avid photographer, traveler and student of martial arts, according to his biography.

Source: Jennifer Lopez deal with 'Idol' imminent

NEW YORK (AP)—A person familiar with negotiations to bring Jennifer Lopez back as an "American Idol" judge says her return will be announced this week.

The person said Monday that a deal is close to being signed with Lopez, who was an "Idol" judge for the 2011 and 2012 seasons. The person wasn't authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The person says Lopez decided to rejoin the show because its production schedule will allow her to spend more time with her children, 5-year-old twins Emme and Max.

Lopez will join returning judge Keith Urban and a third person who hasn't been announced.

Fox has declined to comment on whether Lopez is joining "American Idol" and did not immediately respond to another request for comment Monday.

New Zealand gay weddings begin, 1 at 39,000 feet

QUEENSTOWN, New Zealand (AP)—When Lynley Bendall and Ally Wanikau walked down the aisle to exchange vows, the fasten-seatbelt signs were off.

The couple celebrated the legalization of gay marriage in New Zealand by getting hitched in a plane at 39,000 feet (11,900 meters). Along for the ride was Jesse Tyler Ferguson, star of the American TV sitcom "Modern Family."

Instead of soda and peanuts, the flight attendants served champagne and canapes.

Monday was the first day same-sex couples could marry in New Zealand, where the law was changed in April. Officials said about three dozen same-sex couples planned to marry.

Bendall and Wanikau were flying high after winning a promotion by national carrier Air New Zealand. Their winning video featured their three young foster children holding handwritten signs saying why their parents should get married on a plane, including one that read "Wow!! Imagine that for news at school!!!"

Bendall said the law change is "huge" for New Zealand: "We're so proud."

She and Wanikau have been together 13 years. They are both childcare workers and met through work.

The newly wed Ferguson, whose husband Justin Mikita was also on the flight, said he hoped to help shine the spotlight on New Zealand's law change.

Aretha Franklin not attending baseball luncheon

NEW YORK (AP)—Aretha Franklin will not be attending a baseball luncheon during which she was to receive a "Beacon" award for embodying the spirit of the civil rights movement, The Associated Press has learned.

Franklin, 71, has already canceled several concerts recently because of undisclosed health reasons. In a statement issued Monday by Major League Baseball, the Grammy-winning "Queen of Soul" referred to ongoing "treatment" that prevented her from traveling. Franklin lives in the Detroit area; the luncheon is being held in Chicago on Saturday.

As recently as last week, Franklin had been expected to attend the luncheon.

"I greatly appreciate being a Beacon Award recipient," Franklin said in her statement. "Presently, I am unable to travel as I continue my treatment. I am working toward a full recovery."

Franklin and former baseball star Bo Jackson were to be presented "Beacon" awards, which in previous years have been given to Willie Mays and Harry Belafonte among others. Major League Baseball plans to announce at a later date, but before the ceremony, who will accept the award on Franklin's behalf. The "Beacon" luncheon is one of several events marking baseball's Civil Rights Game weekend.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Michelle Obama to attend US Open's Kids' Day

NEW YORK (AP)—Michelle Obama is taking her "Let's Move!" campaign to Arthur Ashe Kids' Day. The first lady will speak during Saturday's festivities, the unofficial kickoff to the U.S. Open, tennis' last Grand Slam tournament of the year. She'll join defending women's champ Serena Williams, former champions Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, along with celebrities including singer Ariana Grande, who has the hit song "The Way." Mrs. Obama participated in activities at the event, held in Flushing, N.Y., in 2011. She has been leading a national campaign to get kids more active and eating healthy meals.

Dick Van Dyke uninjured after car fire on freeway

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dick Van Dyke is uninjured after his Jaguar caught fire while he was driving on a Los Angeles freeway. California Highway Patrol officer Saul Gomez said Monday that the 87-year-old entertainer was not treated or cited at the scene. The officer said witnesses reported the fire just before 2 p.m. Monday and said that an elderly man was slumped over behind the wheel of the flaming car. Passers-by stopped to help the man, whom police and fire officials identified as Van Dyke. Arlene Van Dyke posted a video online that showed her husband speaking with police officers and the remains of his burned-out car.

Woman considers her place in affair with married man

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a twice-divorced woman who has never been good at choosing the men in my life. Two years ago, I met a man who is 12 years my senior. He is sweet, thoughtful and caring, and would do just about anything for me. What started as companionship has turned into a full-blown love affair. The problem is that he is married.

His wife is not well. She has a chronic disease and other medical problems. The way he cares for her is what attracted me to him in the first place. He spends what time he can with me, but mostly he is there for his wife.

I am OK with the situation, as I don't want him to leave her for me. I have tried breaking it off with him, but he gets me to take him back, saying he doesn't know what he would do without me in his life. He is very strong-willed.

Abby, I feel like I'm in the background waiting for her to die so I can take her place as his wife, and I hate this feeling. What should I do?

GUILTY IN KENTUCKY

DEAR GUILTY: Your feelings are well-founded. You ARE waiting in the background for this man's wife to die. But what if she doesn't?

You say you have never been good at choosing men, and I have to agree. Please don't think I am unsympathetic, but it's time to ask yourself why you chose to get involved with someone who isn't available except for a few stolen moments. If marriage is what you really want, your priority should be to find a man who doesn't have the kind of previous commitment this one does.

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DEAR ABBY: I have recently been contacted by an old boyfriend who is now incarcerated. He claims I was the love of his life and he thought about me often after our breakup. He is now asking me to become his pen pal and send him money occasionally.

I have bitter memories of our relationship, so it's hard to believe he cared for me as much as he says. He is begging me not to "abandon" him or forget about him, but I don't want the role of pen pal and provider. How do I share my thoughts without hurting his feelings?

RELUCTANT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RELUCTANT: If you are smart, you won't respond to him at all. I have printed letters from more than one prison guard who wanted to warn kind-hearted, gullible women that inmates send multiple "solicitations" of this kind in the hope that SEVERAL of the recipients will send money.

You are not responsible for this man's well-being. Since your breakup, your lives have obviously gone in polar opposite directions. My advice is to keep it that way, for your own sake.

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DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to dispose of leftover milk in your cereal bowl? To dump it out is wasteful, to spoon it up like soup seems a bit much, and to drink it right from the bowl seems rather cat-like. Does the answer differ if you are in your own kitchen vs. a restaurant or other residence?

GOT MILK IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR GOT MILK: If you're in a restaurant, you should not lap liquid from the bowl. If you're at home—anything goes. And if you have so much milk left in your bowl after the cereal has been consumed, you are pouring too much in and need to adjust the amount.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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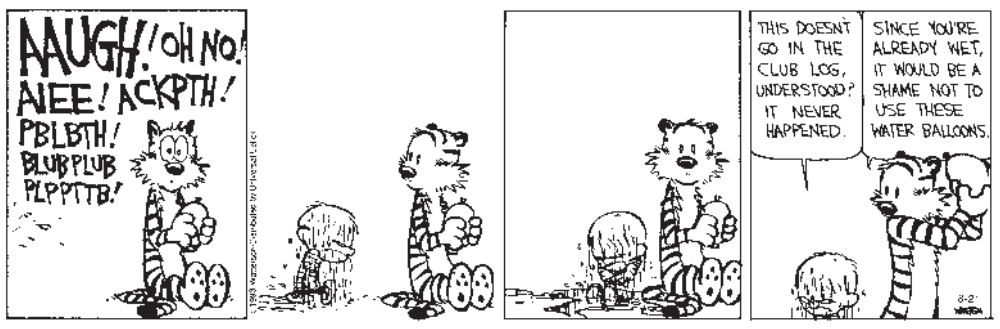
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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AIEE! ACKPTH!
PBLBTH!
BLUBPLUB
PLPPTTB!
THIS DOESN'T GO IN THE CLUB LOG, UNDERSTOOD? IT NEVER HAPPENED.
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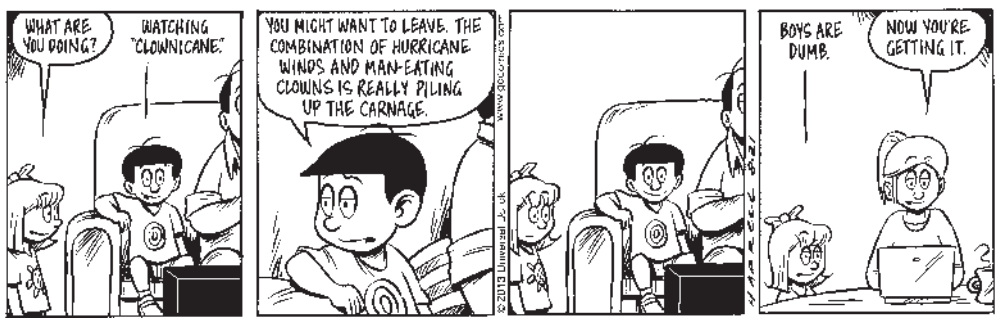
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WATCHING "CLOWNICANE."
YOU MIGHT WANT TO LEAVE. THE COMBINATION OF HURRICANE WINDS AND MAN-EATING CLOWNS IS REALLY PILING UP THE CARNAGE.
BOYS ARE DUMB.
NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

You were swerving back there.
We got you with the radar camera.
Yeah. I know.
It's hard to smile for a photo while keeping your eye on the road.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Bill
4 Pitch
7 Operatic soloist
8 Bygone form of copying
10 Wizard's declaration
11 Extraterrestrials
13 1904 St. Louis event
16 Franken and Roker
17 Author Joyce Carol —
18 "Golly!"
19 Vail gear
20 Cribbage scorers
21 Holy war
23 City in Bolivia
25 Mysterious character
26 Needles' mates
27 Toss in
28 Emulate Scott Hamilton
30 With it
33 Equitable
36 Sponge-Bob's place
37 Dark
38 Foolish
39 Citric drinks
40 Trawler need
41 "The Thin Man" actress

DOWN

1 Multiplied by
2 Acknowledge
3 Shoulder-borne launcher
4 Señorita's wiggle?
5 Off
6 Coral structure
7 Willy Wonka's creator
8 Soda shoppe treats
9 Wild ass
10 Call — day
12 Persistent attack
14 Incursion
15 In medias —
19 That girl
20 Macs' counterparts
21 Prototypical frenemy?
22 Privately made movies
23 Perches
24 Tipping the scales, maybe
25 U.K. flyers
26 Rice field
28 Black
29 Prepared to propose
30 Actor — Joel Osment
31 Spring flower
32 Favorite
34 Picnic spoiler
35 Loosen

Solution time: 21 mins.

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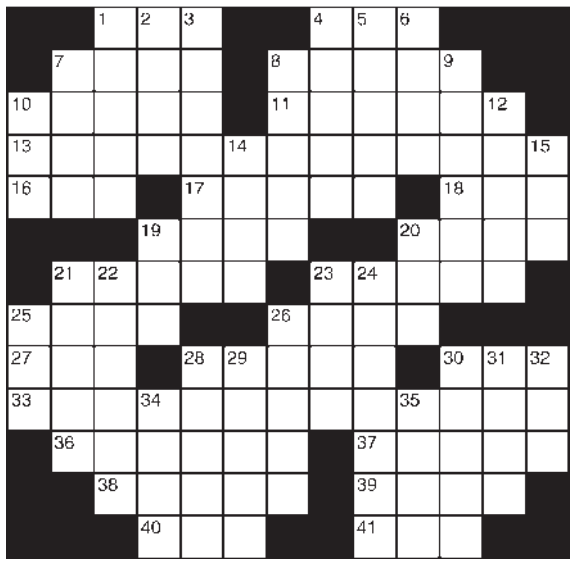
Yesterday's answer 8-21



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Usain Bolt, 27; Alicia Witt, 38; Carrie-Anne Moss, 46; Kim Cattrall, 57.

Happy Birthday: Don't let partnerships confuse you. Ask questions, and once you know your options, it will be much easier to make the necessary changes to accommodate the solutions that suit you best. Make financial assessments that will help you get what you deserve. Playing fair is righteous, but someone is likely to take advantage of you and must be avoided. Your numbers are 4, 12, 22, 28, 31, 40, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Talks will lead to a better relationship with your peers and colleagues. Discuss your plans and you will receive worthwhile suggestions. Making a change that will help secure or stabilize your life will ease stress and give you a chance to regroup. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Participate in a cause that you feel passionate about and you will make a difference. Your knowledge and experience will be appreciated and reciprocated with additional information that will help you make gains in other areas of your life. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You are prone to make a miscalculation regarding a job or issue at work. Rethink each move and ask for confirmation if you are unsure. Put more thought into how you can improve your domestic situation. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Lean toward the unusual. Try something new. Make new friends or travel to destinations that promise to enhance your knowledge, wisdom or relationships. Embrace life and stick to a path that pleases you. Avoid excess and impulsive action. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Readdress investments that may need to be updated, cashed-in on or moved. Putting more into your surroundings and family needs will bring you the best return. Love and romance will improve with the personal changes you make. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't leave anything to chance that can disrupt your life or your relationships with others. Serious re-evaluation plus upgrading your skills will ensure greater financial stability. A partnership will play an important role in your future. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Find a way to boost your confidence or improve the way you present who you are and how you look. Express your concerns with a relationship that may need fine-tuning if you want to move forward. Follow through with a creative idea. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): The way you live will make a difference in the way you perform personally and professionally. Put a little creative flare into decorating or renovating in order to create the space you need to expand and develop ideas. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You may be excited or hyped up, but exaggeration will cause problems when someone questions you or asks you to elaborate. Think before you speak. An emotional situation will cost you if you make a promise you cannot honor. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You must take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way, even if it is at the expense of someone else. Follow your pursuits until you reach the finish line and then you will have greater leverage to help those you left behind. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Work behind the scenes developing the changes you want to implement into your career plans. Look over contracts, applications or any other document that can improve your status. A personal relationship can benefit you greatly. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Socialize, network and discuss your plans and options with people you feel can offer you solutions, suggestions and assistance in reaching your goals. Money will come to you through an unusual source. Make financial changes that will secure your future. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, charitable and a reformist. You are an instigator.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	6	4	7	2	9	3	5	8
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5	1	8	6	9	3	4	2	7
4	9	7	8	5	2	6	1	3

Difficulty Level ★★ 8/20

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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T	R	I	T	U	(M)	F	O	R	A	V	K	P	K	B
R	I	C	A	R	(E)	F	O	S	O	L	O	T	S	D
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A	V	O	S	K	C	O	R	K	U	T	S	N	H	E
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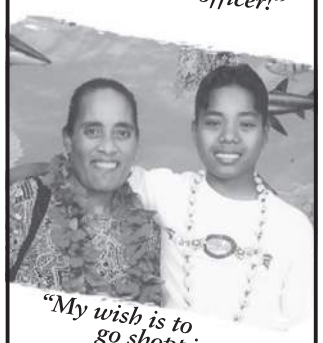

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Prosecution: Woman screamed, then Pistorius fired

AP

Oscar Pistorius cries as he prays with his sister Aimee and brother Carl in the magistrates court in Pretoria, South Africa, Monday, Aug. 19, 2013.

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP—A woman screamed and then there was silence, according to South African prosecutors pressing a premeditated murder case against Oscar Pistorius. Next, the indictment says, witnesses heard gunshots and more screaming at the home of the Paralympic champion, who says he shot his girlfriend by mistake on Valentine's Day.

The sequence of events outlined Monday could bolster an argument that the double-amputee Olympian was intent on killing Reeva Steenkamp after an altercation and was not reacting fearfully to what he thought was an intrusion in his home, as he has said. Prosecutors revealed a list of more than 100 witnesses, some of whom live in the gated community where she was killed.

Pistorius wept and prayed in court as he held hands with his brother and sister before being served with the indictment. The athlete will face an additional charge of illegal possession of ammunition when his blockbuster trial starts on March 3 in a court in the South African capital, Pretoria.

The indictment in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yielded new details about how prosecutors will pursue a case that has gripped the world because of the celebrity status of Pistorius, who overcame his disability to become a global phenomenon, only to see his name and accomplishments tarnished by his role in a violent death. The timing of the indictment was melancholic because Steenkamp would have celebrated her 30th birthday on Monday.

The main charge laid by prosecutors carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment with a minimum of 25 years in prison if Pistorius is convicted. The prosecution's allusion to a possible fight between the couple at Pistorius' villa before the shooting raises the possibility of a motive.

Pistorius denies committing murder and says he mistook Steenkamp for a dangerous nighttime intruder. He says he thought she was in bed when he fired four shots through the locked toilet door, and only shouted at her to call the police before realizing what had happened. Steenkamp was hit three times by the shots.

Prosecutors also said in the indictment papers that Pistorius shot "with the intention to kill a person," and even if his story is found to be true, he was still guilty of murder. That secondary argument seemingly allows for the possibility that Pistorius could escape the more serious charge of premeditated murder, but still be convicted of murder without premeditation, which carries a sentence of 15 years in prison.

South Africa does not have the death penalty.

The state hinted that its case would hinge on the witnesses who say they heard a woman scream before the gunshots inside the gated complex in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14.

"Some of the state witnesses heard a woman scream, followed by moments of silence, then heard gunshots and then more screaming," the prosecution said in the 11-page indictment.

The court set March 3-20 as the trial dates. Prosecutors submitted a list of 107 witnesses who they can call at the trial, including members of Pistorius' own family: His uncle Arnold, sister Aimee and brother Carl. Also listed were people who lived or worked in the gated community where Steenkamp was killed, as well as police officers, paramedics, doctors and friends of Steenkamp.

In some more new detail, prosecutors said the 29-year-old Steenkamp died just after 3 a.m. on Feb. 14 of multiple gunshot wounds, according to the autopsy.

Pistorius, 26, wore a dark suit on Monday and had longer hair than during his last appearance in June. The athlete wiped away tears with a tissue before he sat in the dock with his head bowed.

Just feet away, some of Steenkamp's friends also sat in Courtroom C. They had earlier told South African media that she had planned to go to Las Vegas to celebrate her 30th birthday.

Pistorius stood and spoke twice during the proceedings, first responding to the magistrate's question at the start on whether he was OK by saying: "Under the circumstances, ja (yes)."

He also was asked if he understood the indictment and he said, softly, that he did.

Prosecutors said the second charge of possession of illegal ammunition relates to a lack of proper licensing for .38 caliber bullets found at Pistorius' home. Pistorius shot Steenkamp with his licensed 9mm handgun.

The trial will be held at another court, the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria, where a judge will ultimately pronounce the athlete innocent or guilty. South Africa does not have trial by jury.

"We are thankful that a trial date has been set and that we can now start preparing for the court case," Pistorius' uncle, Arnold, said in a statement.

Although the word "premeditated" was not used in the indictment, prosecutors said the main charge was premeditated murder.

"When you talk of intentional, it's premeditated. Intentional. He wanted to do that," prosecution spokesman Medupe Simasiku said.

Marius du Toit, a defense lawyer and former state prosecutor in South Africa who is not involved in the case but has been following it, explained that the country didn't use the term premeditated in its indictments, but the legal section quoted in the indictment related to a charge of premeditated murder and the state was seeking a life sentence.

This month, the office of South Africa's police commissioner said detectives, forensic experts, ballistics experts, psychologists and other professionals are confident they have the evidence to convict Pistorius after a six-month investigation into the killing.

The most telling evidence - apart from the witness testimony - may be in records on cell phones found at Pistorius' home and through examination of the door through which Pistorius shot. The trajectory of the bullets could show if Pistorius was standing on his stumps when he shot, as he has said, or if he was on his prosthetics, as the prosecution has said.

Doc chats with Redskins owner, GM as RG3 warms up

LANDOVER, Md. (AP)—Once again, Robert Griffin III was all dressed up with nowhere to play.

A few yards away, three men who will ultimately decide when he can get in a game were chatting on the sideline.

Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder, general manager Bruce Allen and Dr. James Andrews gathered near the 50-yard line less than an hour before Monday night's preseason game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Andrews is a team physician who routinely attends the team's home games, and this was the first one since Griffin's right knee bent the wrong way in a playoff loss to the Seattle Seahawks in January. Andrews reconstructed Griffin's knee a few days later, and Griffin's remarkably quick recovery has led to differences between the quarterback and coach Mike Shanahan over his participation in practice and preseason games.

Andrews cleared Griffin for practice shortly before the start of training camp in late July, but Shanahan said the doctor recommended Griffin not practice at full speed nor play in the preseason. Griffin, who says he's close to 100 percent, has publicly lobbied to do both, saying he disagrees with and doesn't fully understand Shanahan's practice plan.

Griffin was kept out of 11-on-11 drills at training camp until last week, when he began running such plays against a scout team defense. Backup Kirk Cousins has continued to work regularly with the first team throughout the preseason.

Griffin raised eyebrows when he dressed in his full uniform before the preseason opener at Tennessee on Aug. 8, even though he knew he wasn't going to play. He said he did it because he wanted to go through the pregame routine as if he were the starter.

He did the same Monday night, wearing a bulky black brace on his right knee and throwing to receiver Santana Moss while warming up with the other quarterbacks.

During an earlier workout on the field, Griffin wore a white T-shirt with the words "OPERATION PATIENCE" in burgundy. Griffin has said that was his theme throughout training camp. At one point, he went to the sideline and gave Snyder a hug.

Griffin also served as a team captain during the coin toss, sharing a laugh with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger at midfield.

Shanahan has maintained that, barring a setback, Griffin is on pace to start the regular season opener Sept. 9.

NBA BRIEFS

Police: LeBron concert escort violated police rule

MIAMI (AP)—The Miami-Dade Police Department says its officers violated policy by providing a police escort to Miami Heat star LeBron James through heavy traffic at last Friday's Justin Timberlake/Jay Z concert. The agency issued a statement Monday saying it will continue to investigate the matter. James posted a video before the concert at Sun Life Stadium saying he was following a police escort on the wrong side of the street. The video showed James following police vehicles with their lights flashing. The video was posted on several of James' social media accounts. The police statement said officers escorted James from one intersection to another, onto the stadium's property. The statement also said the escort was not scheduled in advance and all safety precautions appeared to have been taken.

Roger Miller, son of late Jazz owner, dead at 45

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Family members say Roger Miller, the son of the late Utah Jazz owner Larry H. Miller, has died. Roger Miller was "a gentle soul" who will be missed, said family members in a statement released late Sunday. He died Sunday at age 45. The statement did not detail the circumstances of his death. The Miller family is one of the most influential in Salt Lake City. In addition to owning the NBA team, the family owns the Salt Lake Bees AAA-baseball team; the Tour of Utah bike race; Miller Motorsports Park; Megaplex Theaters; Fanzz sports apparel store; and several car dealerships. Roger Miller was married to Cheri Light Miller and had five daughters, four sons and three grandchildren. He was the second oldest of five children born to Larry and Gail Miller. Larry H. Miller died in 2009 at the age of 64. His son, Greg Miller, now runs the family business. Roger Miller worked in the family business for 28 years in different positions, said Linda Luchetti, a spokeswoman for the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies.

Nuggets guard Lawson free on bond after arrest

DENVER (AP)—Court records show Denver Nuggets guard Ty Lawson has been arrested on suspicion of charges including harassment. KUSA-TV in Denver reports that according to Arapahoe County sheriff's officials, Lawson and his girlfriend each face charges after a fight Saturday night. The *Denver Post* reports Lawson was arraigned Monday. He is free on bond. Details of the arrest weren't immediately available Monday night. Nuggets general manager Tim Connelly said in a written statement that the team was "fully aware" of the incident but that, per team policy and out of respect for the legal process, the team would have no further comment. Lawson signed a four-year contract extension with the team last October. He averaged 16.7 points, 2.7 rebounds, 6.9 assists and 1.47 steals in 73 games last season.

Marlins' Fernandez beats Puig and Dodgers, 6-2

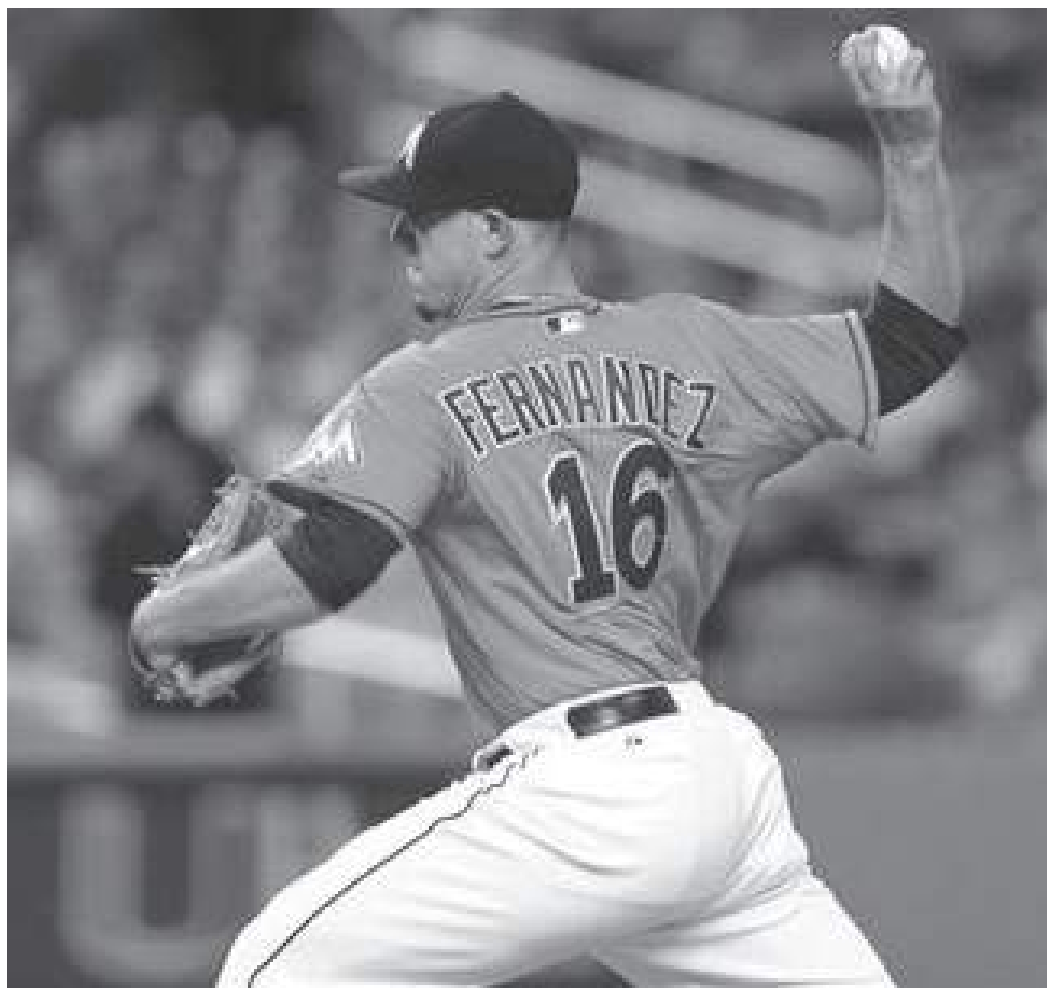
MIAMI (AP)—Jose Fernandez got the better of Yasiel Puig and led the Miami Marlins over the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 Monday night.

Fernandez (9-5) allowed only one earned run in six innings, handing the NL West-leading Dodgers consecutive losses for the first time since June 20-21.

Puig went 0 for 3 against Fernandez in the first matchup between the Cubans, both NL Rookie of the Year contenders.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 15th homer for Miami.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (12-4), another standout rookie, gave up three runs in 7 1-3 innings and lost for the first time in eight starts.



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Miami Marlins starting pitcher Jose Fernandez (16) throws in the first inning during a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, in Miami.

Cardinals 8, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Matt Carpenter hit an RBI single with two outs in the eighth inning, putting the St. Louis Cardinals ahead during a four-run rally against Milwaukee.

The Cardinals got seven of their 16 hits in the big inning, capped by pinch-hitter David Freese's two-run double. St. Louis won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Carlos Beltran and Jon Jay homered for St. Louis and Yadier Molina had four hits.

Michael Wacha (2-0) got the win. Edward Mujica, unavailable during the weekend because of a tired arm, pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 34 chances.

Brandon Kintzler (3-1) gave up four runs and six hits while getting just two outs.

Reds 5, Diamondbacks 3

In Cincinnati, Ryan Ludwick drove in his first run of the season with a double as and the Cincinnati Reds kept up their August surge, beating Arizona for their seventh win in nine games.

Arizona now trails Cincinnati by six games for the final NL wild-card spot.

Bronson Arroyo (12-9) won his third straight start. J.J. Hoover retired the side in the eighth, his 23rd straight scoreless appearance — the longest active streak in majors.

Aroldis Chapman gave up a pair of singles in the ninth while getting his 31st save in 36 chances.

Ludwick got his long-awaited RBI during a three-run fourth inning against Randall Delgado (4-4). Ludwick tore cartilage in his right shoulder while sliding headfirst on opening day.

Phillies 5, Rockies 4

In Philadelphia, John Mayberry Jr. and Carlos Ruiz each homered to lead Philadelphia past Colorado, giving the Phillies and interim manager Ryne Sandberg two straight wins for the first time since the All-Star break.

Ethan Martin (2-2) tossed two-hit ball and struck out six over 6 1-3 innings for the win. Jonathan Papelbon tossed a scoreless ninth for his first 21st save, and first since July 11.

Troy Tulowitzki hit a solo shot for the Rockies. Jeff Manship (0-3) allowed five runs in five innings.

Cubs 11, Nationals 1

In Chicago, Nate Schierholtz homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs, powering Jeff Samardzija and the Chicago Cubs past Washington.

Schierholtz connected for a three-run shot in the first and a two-run drive in the seventh in his fourth career multihomer game. He also had an RBI double in the third in Chicago's highest-scoring game since a 14-6 victory over Houston on June 23.

Donnie Murphy added a pair of solo homers and Dioner Navarro had a three-run shot for the Cubs, who managed just 12 runs total in their previous eight home games.

Samardzija (7-11) pitched a six-hitter for his second complete game of the season. He struck out five and walked none in his first victory in a month.

Jordan Zimmermann (14-7) allowed a season-high eight runs in five innings.

Pirates 3, Padres 1

In San Diego, Francisco Liriano struck out a season-high 13 and Pedro Alvarez hit his NL-leading 31st home run to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past San Diego.

The Pirates, who had lost seven of nine coming in, maintained a one-game lead in the NL Central over St. Louis.

The Padres struck out 17 times overall.

Liriano (14-5) tied his career high for wins. Coming off a four-hit victory at St. Louis in his last start, Liriano held the Padres to four hits in seven innings while walking two.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his eighth save in 10 chances. He allowed Nick Hundley's RBI double with two outs.

Andrew Cashner (8-8) lost his third straight start.

Red Sox 7, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Jon Lester pitched into the ninth for his first victory in four tries this month, and the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox beat San Francisco after flying cross-country earlier in the day.

The Red Sox chose to travel first thing Monday from Boston rather than late Sunday night after a 9-6 loss to the Yankees at Fenway Park.

Lester (11-7) allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two in Boston's seventh shutout. He outpitched two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum (6-13) to snap a three-start winless stretch.

Orioles 4, Rays 3

In Baltimore, Evan Longoria and Matt Joyce homered and David Price grinded through five challenging innings to win his fourth straight decision as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles in a duel between AL contenders.

Joyce hit a two-run drive in the fourth to break a tie and push the Rays toward their fifth win in six games. Tampa Bay moved within a half-game of the first-place Red Sox in the AL East, pending Boston's late game in San Francisco.

Price (7-5) gave up 10 hits and two walks but was effective when it counted. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner allowed only two runs, as Baltimore went 2 for 11 with runners in scoring position and stranded 10 against the left-hander.

Fernando Rodney, the fourth Tampa Bay reliever, worked the ninth for his 28th save.

Baltimore starter Chris Tillman (14-4) gave up four runs and five hits in six innings.

Rangers 16, Astros 5

In Arlington, Texas, Leonys Martin and Elvis Andrus each scored three runs for Texas, including twice each in an 11-run inning that was the biggest in the majors this season, as the Rangers beat the Astros.

All nine Rangers scored in the third, when they sent 15 batters to the plate and had seven hits—six singles and a double—along with three walks, two Houston errors and a sacrifice bunt. Only five of the 11 runs were earned.

Matt Garza (3-1) struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings. But the right-hander allowed five runs, becoming the first Texas starter in 22 games to allow more than four.

Lucas Harrell (6-14), getting another start after four consecutive relief appearances, allowed nine runs (seven earned) in 2 1-3 innings. He was initially sent to the bullpen after also giving up nine runs in 3 2-3 innings at Texas in a 10-5 loss July 5.

Athletics 2, Mariners 1

In Oakland, California, Brandon Moss hit a solo home run over the center-field fence with one out in the ninth inning, lifting the Athletics over the Mariners.

Jarrod Parker (9-6) pitched his first career complete game, allowing eight hits. He struck out eight, did not walk a batter and threw 100 pitches.

Josh Donaldson drove in a run for the A's, who have won four of five.

Kendrys Morales drove in a run for the Mariners, who have lost four of six.

Carter Capps (2-3) struck out Yoenis Cespedes to open the ninth before Moss drove a 2-1 pitch to the deepest part of the park.

Indians 5, Angels 2

In Anaheim, California, Lonnie Chisenhall hit a two-run homer during Cleveland's four-run fourth, and Zach McAllister pitched into the seventh inning of the Indians' victory over Jered Weaver and the slumping Angels.

Nick Swisher homered and threw out a runner at the plate for the Indians, who won for just the fifth time in 14 games to regain ground in the AL Central.

Cleveland trails first-place Detroit by 6 1/2 games and sits 4 1/2 games out of the second wild-card spot.

McAllister (6-7) gave up five hits while striking out five, earning his second straight victory after a six-start winless stretch.

Mark Trumbo homered and drove in both runs for the Angels, who have lost 11 of 15.

Mike Trout sat out to rest his right hamstring.

Mets 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Dillon Gee pitched into the eighth inning for the Mets in a victory over the Twins in a makeup game from April 14.

Gee (9-8) turned in yet another quality start, and the offense for the Mets was about as balanced as could be with RBI singles by Eric Young, Daniel Murphy, Andrew Brown, Wilmer Flores and Omar Quintanilla. All five of them had two hits, as did Marlon Byrd, who hit his 20th home run.

Rookie Kyle Gibson (2-4) struggled again, failing to finish the fourth. He recorded 11 outs and surrendered 10 hits.

The Mets won the first two games of the series here by a total score of 20-7, but the finale was postponed due to cold and rain.

A-Rod declines MLB challenge to release evidence

NEW YORK (AP)—A lawyer for Alex Rodriguez declined Major League Baseball's challenge to make public the drug evidence that led to the 211-game suspension of the New York Yankees star.

MLB executive vice president Rob Manfred wrote to lawyer Joseph Tacopina on Monday, urging him to waive his client's confidentiality under baseball's Joint Drug Agreement so the documents could be released. Tacopina had said he wanted to discuss evidence publicly but was constrained by the provision.

"We will agree to waive those provisions as they apply to both Rodriguez and the office of commissioner of baseball with respect to Rodriguez's entire history under the program, including, but not limited to, his testing history, test results, violations of the program, and all information and evidence relating to Rodriguez's treatment by Anthony Bosch, Anthony Galea and Victor Conte," Manfred wrote in the letter, which was released by MLB.

Bosch was head of the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs. Galea pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs into the United States from Canada. Conte was head of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the target of a federal investigation that led to criminal charges against Barry Bonds, Marion Jones and others.

Manfred proposed that both sides disclose information and documents relating to:

- All drug tests that were conducted on Rodriguez under the program and their results;
- All prior violations of the program committed by Rodriguez, and;
- All documents relating to the issue of whether Rodriguez obstructed the office of the commissioner's investigation.

Tacopina, a lawyer with one of the four firms representing Rodriguez, said the players' association would have to agree to waive confidentiality.

"The letter was nothing more than a cheap publicity stunt," Tacopina said in a statement. "The letter that was addressed to my law office with the words `Via Hand Delivery' on top was in fact never delivered to my office but was instead given to the `Today' show, which in and of itself is yet another violation of the confidentiality clause of the JDA. They know full well that they have to address the letter to the MLBPA and such a waiver would require the MLBAPA to be party of the agreement and signatures. It's nothing but a theatrical trap hoping I would sign knowing that I couldn't and in fact would have me breaching the JDA agreement if I did."

The union didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez is playing pending his appeal, which is not expected to be decided by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz until at least November.

S.J. Ol'Aces, Cougars still perfect in Rotary U19 caging

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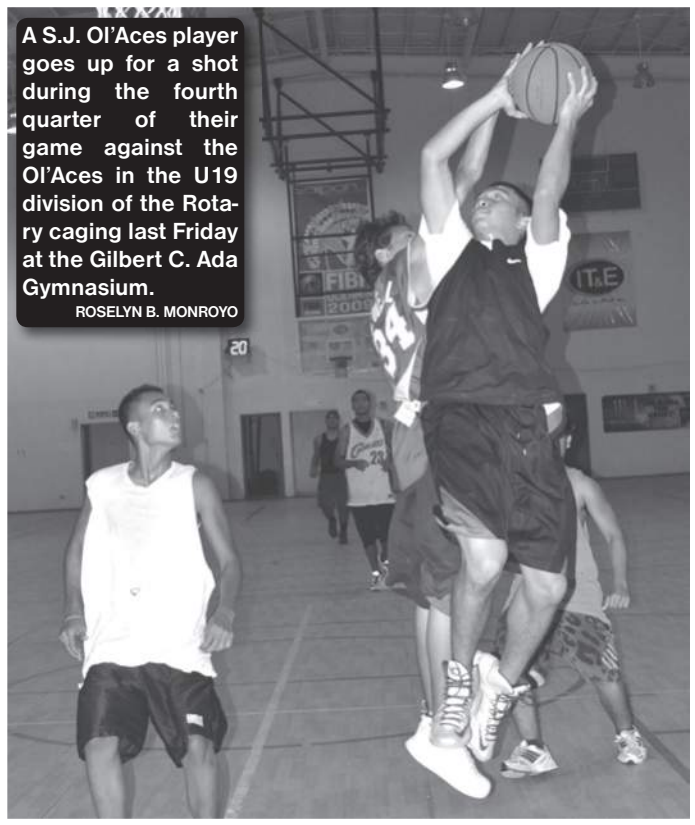
A S.J. Ol'Aces player goes up for a shot during the fourth quarter of their game against the Ol'Aces in the U19 division of the Rotary caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.
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The S.J. Ol'Aces and the Kagman Cougars remained unscathed after Week 3 of the U19 division games in the 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League.

The S.J. Ol'Aces stretched their winning streak to three after pounding the Ol'Aces in the opening game last Friday, 63-27, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while the Kagman Cougars also routed the Rebelholics (0-3) last week, 83-68, to keep their share of the lead in the seven-team field.

The Ol'Aces (1-1) faced a manageable deficit at the end of the first quarter, 14-19, but scored only 2 points in the second canto, allowing the S.J. Ol'Aces to pull away with a 34-16 halftime advantage. The S.J. Ol'Aces never gave the Ol'Aces a chance to recover in the second half to keep their undefeated record.

Tinian's Malcolm Maui paced the S.J. Ol'Aces with his 16 points, while Paul Kaipat had 11 for the Ol'Aces.

The Kagman Cougars also engaged the Rebeholics in a close fight in the opening canto, which ended in a tie, 17-all, before the latter gained momentum in the next two quarters en route to the double-digit victory.

John Santos top-scored for the Cougar with his 29 markers.

Mariana Resort/ Proa 50, Warriors 34

In the first game last week, Mariana Resort/Proa barged into the win column after a 0-2 start, following a 16-point victory over the COPSSA Warriors.

Mariana Resort/Proa held the Warriors to single-digit scoring in the first quarter to snap its two-game losing skid. Dixon Kwon paced Mariana Resort/ Proa, making 16 points.

The Warriors, who fell to a 0-2 record, drew 12 markers from Tristan Montes.

Rollers 56, Rebelholics 47

The Rollers also entered the winner's circle after outclassing the Rebeholics in the second game last Friday.

The Rollers played better in the second half to beat Rebelholics, which shadowed its foe in the first half, but could not keep up with the former's much deeper roster in the final 20 minutes of play.

C.J. Morales logged 15 points for the Rollers, while Jun Fidelino added 10, and five other players of coach Joe Diaz contributed at least 4 points apiece.

Kyle Rios carried the cudgels for the Rollers with his 18 markers.

First Game

Mariana Resort/Proa 50 – Kwon 16, Villagomez 7, Aguilar 6, Benavente 6, Manalili 4, Pamintuan 4.

COPSSA Warriors 34 – Montes 12, Cabaltica 11, Yap 7, Po 2, Amog 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-7, 23-10, 35-20, 50-34.

Second Game

Kagman Cougars 83 – Jo. Santos 29, Je. Santos 17, Lampkin 14, Malwelbug 12, Palino 4, Dela Cruz 1 Bautista 1.

Rebelholics 68 – Rios 13, Francisco 11, Deocares 11, Cenir 7, Sagun 6, Iba 4,Retran 4, Santos 4, Vivero 2, Ellama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 40-33, 56-44, 83-68.

Third Game

S.J. Ol'Aces 63 – Maui 16, Cruz 14, Pettis 8, Mizer 7, Olopai 4, San Nicolas 4, Camacho 3, De Leon 3.

Ol'Aces 28 – Kaipat 11, Cruz 4, Floresca 2, Santy 2, Olopai 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-14, 34-16, 50-21, 63-28.

Fourth Game

Rollers 56 – Morales 15, Fidelino 10, Iglecias 9, Ano 6, Espinosa 4, Arciaga 4, Babauta 4, Malonzo 2.

Rebelholics 47 – Rios 18, Cenir 8, Ellama 5, Vivero 4, Toves 3, Retran 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-14, 27-22, 43-32, 56-47.

DFS continues sponsorship of Docomo Golf Classic

DFS Saipan Ltd, a founding sponsor of the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic and advocate of the Marianas Tourism Education Council, continued its support of the annual golf event with a $2,000 donation.

"We must continue to educate the next generation of leaders in our community about the value and importance of the tourism industry. A vibrant tourism industry leads to job creation, growth of the economy and raises the living standard in the community," said DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce,.

To date, this year's tournament has raised over $10,000 in cash from sponsorships alone. In-kind contributions will add another $10,000 or more in value that will be used as prizes and incidentals during the tournament. Overall, it is anticipated that after settling all tournament expenses, the net proceeds for MTEC will be $10,000 or more.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Duty Free Shopping Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce presents a donation of $2,000 as a major sponsor in the upcoming Docomo Pacific Golf Classic. Accepting the donation is Pauline Johnson, Docomo Pacific's retail manager. Looking on are Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson along with DFS Saipan managers Marida Pensader and Ben Babauta.

"This year, sponsorship participation has been better than ever. All our sponsors from previous years have come to the table in support of the students and the MTEC organization and new sponsors have joined in as well. Of course, we welcome any person or business who wishes to donate either cash or in-kind prizes to the event," said Docomo Pacific's general manager James Nelson,.

The Docomo Pacific Golf Classic will be held on Aug. 31 at the Mariana Country Club. Golfers are encouraged to sign-up early as player slots are filling fast. Show time for all golfers is at 7am and tee time is at 8am.

The Docomo Pacific official also took time to thank the tournament's main sponsors, which include First Hawaiian Bank, Mobil, McDonald's Saipan, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

He also extended his gratitude to hole-in-one sponsors Joeten Motors, Bank of Hawaii, and Triple J Motors, and other sponsors like Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Delta Air Lines, Marianas Visitors Authority, Pacific Islands Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Dickerson & Quinn, Kautz Glass, and DataDot Micronesia.

Entry forms for the 4th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic are available at the Docomo Pacific store on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. Entry fees are accepted at Docomo Pacific. Golfers are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is 5pm on Aug. 28.

For more information, contact Nelson at 483-4924 or email jnelson@docomopacific.com. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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in Pool A, prevailing over Samoa's Loloma Ripley, 6-0, 6-0, and the Solomon Islands' Georjimah Row, 4-6, 6-2, 4-0 (retired) last Monday and winning against Fiji's Vienna Kumar, 6-1, (retired) yesterday.

In the boys seniors, Sakano was also undefeated after four games and is already assured of a semis berth in Pool A with one match left in the elimination round. Sakano dominated Samoa's Harley Cronin, 6-2, 6-0, and Fiji's Shivneel Chand, 6-1, 6-0, in Day 1 of the Oceania Plate and notched two more wins yesterday against Fiji's Krishan Raju, 6-2, 6-2, and the Solomon Islands' Joel Junior Benjamin, 6-4, 6-4. The CNMI's U18 player goes for a pool sweep today against Tahiti's Michael Emery, who also holds a 4-0 record.

Four other Commonwealth players are playing in the Oceania Plate. In the boys junior, Michael Ren went 2-1 after Day 2 of the competition to keep his semis bid alive in Pool A. Ren won over Tahiti's Joshua Manate, 6-1, 3-0 (retired) and Kiribati's Banian Ioera last Monday, 7-5, 6-1, before losing to Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy. Robbie Schorr is also entered in the boys juniors, but is out of the running after a 1-3 record with one game left in the eliminations.

Tania Tan, who made it to semis of the POJC last week, this time may miss a Final Four finish at Oceania Plate, as she dropped her first two games in the round-robin play of the girls juniors. Moris Villanueva also lost his first two games in Pool B of the boys senior division before splitting his Day 2 matches. Villanueva recorded his lone victory yesterday against Kiribati, Lataisi Mwea, 6-0, 6-1.

Meanwhile, the CNMI's five other senior players—Thea Minor, Jake Lee, Tommy Choi, Mikayla Lopez, and Tammy Ackerman—joined the 2013 ITF Oceania Closed Junior Championships, facing fellow Pacific players and representatives of Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia. However, all five bowed to their first round opponents. The Oceania Closed tournament is a Junior ITF ranking event.

MUSCA

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where he left off, topping the 24-player field with his 1,773 pinfalls. Actually, Musca had a roller-coaster performance in the first four games (157, 190, 183, and 157), but finished strong in the last five (193, 246, 223, 190, and 234) to secure the first ticket to the stepladder round and gain the automatic finals berth.

Four other bowlers made it to the stepladder finals. The list includes Raymond Zapanta (1,764), Robert Talavera (1,745), Ruselle Zapanta (1,710), and Paul Pangelinan (1,694). Raymond Zapanta gained a bye in the first round of the stepladder finals after placing second to Musca, while the No. 3 to 5 finishers slugged it out for the right to face the former in the semifinals.

Talavera went on to survive the first round, logging 173 pinfalls against the 168 and 154 of Pangelinan and Ruselle Zapanta, respectively. Talavera, who last won the annual award in 2010, moved closer to regaining the coveted plum after eliminating Raymond Zapanta in the semifinals, 220-179. However, last month's competition truly belonged to Musca, who ended Talavera's streak with a tough 189-186 victory in Game 1 of the finals. Musca, who earned twice-to-beat advantage in the finals for topping the nine-game elimination round, needed to beat Talavera only once and did so to bag his second PBA Bowler of the Year crown.

Musca, Talavera, and Raymond Zapanta received cash prizes and trophies for their feats during the tournament's awards ceremony last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center. Also getting cash prizes for making it to the No. 4 to 8 spot were Pangelinan, Ruselle Zapanta, last year's champion Percy Omechelang, Raphael Zapanta, and Dumapit.

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ond one, leaving Yuichiro with five seconds to pull up for the game-winning basket, but failed to do so under time pressure.

Yuichiro had a chance to win the match and bag the quarterfinals berth in the closing seconds of the regulation when Juan Camacho trooped to the foul line for a pair with Five O ahead by only 1 point, 64-63. However, the lanky big man split his charities, sending the game into extra five minutes. Five O went on to take the crucial victory in overtime by making important free throws, as it gained 5 of its 9 markers from the stripe.

In the low-scoring second game, Fong's broke away from Ballaholics after a tight first half and halted the latter's short rally early in the fourth en route to the 10-point win.

Ahead by only 2 in the first quarter, 8-6, and 5 at the break, 25-20, Fong's drew 10 points from Emerson Feria to take a double-digit advantage, 41-27, with only one period to go. Ballaholics then opened the fourth canto with 7 straight points to slice the deficit to 7. However, Chris Mizer connected on a triple from the left corner to bring Fong's lead back to double digits, 44-34. Fong's were never threatened from thereon, as Ballaholics began to take hurried shots and missed most of them.

First Game

Five O 73 – Cadiang 21, David 12, De Guzman 0, Tenorio 5, Alegre 4.

Yuichiro 72 – J. Camacho, Villacrusis 18, Z. Babauta 10, Darag 9, D. Camacho 7, Diaz 2, Gomez 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-13, 27-29, 43-42, 64-64, 73-72.

Second Game

Fong's Fliptop 52 – De Leon 12, Mizer 10, Feria 10, Estevez 6, Isio 3, Galulu 2, Toribio 2, Namelo 2.

Ballaholics 42 – Rangamar 10, Kaipat 6, Imperial 6, R. Saralu 4, Br. Sablan 3, Be. Sablan 2, J. Sablan 2, Deleon Guerrero 2, Cangco 2, Pena 2, N. Saralu 1.

Scoring by quarters: 8-6, 25-20, 41-27, 52-42.

2013 Kanoa Resort Women's Basketball Summer League

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Yoloswag Attack's Lily Williams pulls up for a shot against Bubble Bxtt's Mikki Kautz during their title game in the 2013 Kanoa Resort Women's Basketball Summer League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Bubble Bxtt's Mikki Kautz throws up a shot against Yoloswag Attack's Denise Samson.

Bubble Bxtt's Marie Javier, left, dribbles to their frontcourt while a Yoloswag Attack defender stays close to her.

A Yoloswag Attack player is hounded by Bubble Bxtt defenders in the paint.

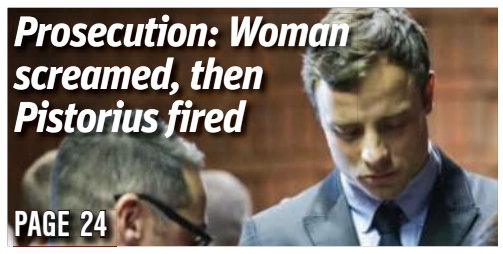
The Ballersss' Dion Diaz drives against Hashtag's Rachel Abrams.

A Hashtag player drives to the baseline against Bubble Bxtt's Mikki Kautz.

Hashtag's Jhaneeka Atalig collars the rebound.

Hashtag's Rachel Abrams goes for a jump hook against Bubble Bxtt's Madeleine Alegre.

A Hashtag player challenges two Bubble Bxtt defenders in the shaded lane.



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3 CNMI players enter semis in Fiji

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Amami Sakano, seen here going for a backhand return from the baseline during his game against Jake Lee in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts, made it to the semifinals of the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate in Fiji.

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Negahr Rastguiy and Amami Sakano bounced back from last week's lackluster performance in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after making it to the semi-finals of the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate in Fiji.

Rastguiy and Sakano, who missed a Final Four stint in the POJC, this time bagged semis berths in their respective divisions. Rastguiy took the second semis berth in Pool B of the girls senior division after earning a 2-1 record in the elimination. The 14-year-old player defeated U18's Margarete Finnen of the Federated States of Micronesia last Monday, 6-2, 6-1, and also swept Fiji's Ruby Coffin yesterday, 6-2, 6-0. Rastguiy's lone loss came at the hands of Pool B winner Sisilia Laumanu Teu of Tonga, 1-6, 1-2.

With her second place finish in Pool B, Rastguiy faces fellow CNMI player Carol Lee in the semifinals today. Lee was unbeaten

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Five O, Fong's complete q'finals cast

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Five O Restaurant and Fong's Fliptop punched the last two quarterfinals tickets in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball after ousting separate opponents last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Five O pulled off a 73-72 overtime win over Yuichiro in the first game, while Fong's Fliptop notched a 52-42 triumph against Ballaholics in the second match of the night to join Sister Market, Mawati, Maplas, Radio Com, Kamikaze, and Adobo in the next round.

Dexter Tenorio scored only 5 points for Five O, but nailed 3 of them in the extension period with his free throw putting his team on top. Tenorio made the first charity and missed the sec-

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Fong's Fliptop's Wens Namelo challenges the defense of Ballaholics' Raymond Saralu during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the DL Corp. caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Musca gets Bowler of the Year title

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Rusty Musca won the 2013 PBA Budweiser Bowler of the Year Tournament, ending a four-year drought in the annual competition.

Musca, who got his first PBA Bowler of the Year plum in 2009, was on target all throughout the tournament last month, topping the three-game qualifier, ruling the nine-game elimination, and prevailing in the stepladder finals.

The 40-year-old bowler had to go through the qualifying roll off, as he failed to win in the 12 monthly tournaments. Only the Bowlers of the Month gained outright entry to the season-ending competition, while the remaining PBA members (including female keglers) fought for the last 12 tickets. Seventeen competed in the qualifier with Musca leading the field with his 626 pinfalls. He was consistent in the qualifier, scoring 200-plus pinfalls in all three games (204, 217, 205) for a 17-pinfall lead over second qualifier Richard Leong (609). Also qualifying and joining Musca and Leong in the nine-game elimination were Raphael Zapanta (568), Lito Teodoro (558), Ramir De Leon (554), Roger De Guzman (545), Ron Cal (531), Tito Corpuz (528), Ariel Dumapit (507), Diane Chong (502), Jorge Soledad (501), and Ronald Batac (498).

In the second phase of the tournament, Musca picked up

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PBA Bowler of the Year Rusty Musca is flanked by runners-up Robert Talavera, left, and Raymond Zapanta during the awards ceremony for the Budweiser-sponsored event last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.